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GERMAN RAIDERS FLY OVER LONDON; TWO SHOT DOWN

10 Killed And 70 Injured In The London District

IN THREE GROUPS

Sixteen To Twenty Planes Take Part In The Attack

COAST IS BOMBED

All Start For Capital But Only Few Get There

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18, Midnight.—Official—Enemy aeroplanes crossed the coasts of Kent and Essex at 6.15 this evening. Some reached the London district and dropped bombs in it. They also dropped bombs in Kent and Essex. Reports concerning any casualties or damage have not yet been received.

Our guns and aeroplanes engaged the enemy.

London, December 19.—The raid made yesterday evening was the first aeroplane raid made while the moon was so young. It hung, a thin sickle, in an inky sky.

The firing of the anti-aircraft guns went on intermittently for over two hours. It was less intense than usual. Many workers in the West End had barely started for home when the firing began. The pedestrians quickly disappeared to shelter.

Sixteen to twenty aeroplanes participated. One was brought down at sea, probably another.

Three groups of raiders crossed the coast of Kent and three other groups the coast of Essex between 6.10 and 6.45 p.m. They all flew in the direction of London but our gun-fire turned back most of them.

About five machines reached London and dropped bombs between 7 and 8 p.m.

After the main attack had terminated a single raider flew over London at 9 p.m.

One raider was hit by our gun-fire and came down off the coast of Kent, two of the crew being captured alive by an armed trawler.

It is supposed that another enemy machine came down in the Channel.

One of our pilots fired two drums of ammunition into a raider as the latter was bombing London from a height of 13,000 feet.

All our machines have returned.

Bombs were also dropped in Essex and Kent.

Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London and five injured elsewhere.

The material damage done was not serious, although several fires were started. There was no damage of naval or military importance.

ARTILLERY BREAKS UP ATTACKS ON PIAVE

Two Assaults By Austro-Germans on Solarol Salient Fail

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, December 18.—An official communique reports:

The enemy launched attacks from the northeast and north against Solarol salient. The French and Italian artillery broke up the former. A division of German Jaeger troops carried out the latter, which failed after a desperate struggle.

London, December 18. (By Wireless). The German official communique this evening reports:

The Austro-Hungarian forces have taken 1,000 prisoners eastward of the Brenta.

A later German official communique reports:

There has been lively artillerying between the Brenta and the Piave. We captured parts of the enemy position eastward of Monte Solarolo.

Turk Foreign Minister Is En Route To Berlin

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, December 18.—The German newspapers report that the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs is proceeding to Berlin.

Mr. Rodger Testifies In Suit Against Chinese Over Sweeps Winnings

Lawyer Says He Gave Share In Tickets As Gift For Services Rendered

Mr. H. D. Rodger, who is suing T. L. Wong for libel in the Mixed Court following dispute over the division of the Champion Sweepstakes, went into the witness box and made his statement of the case yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. W. Godfrey, for the defendant, had not finished his cross-examination when Assessor Perkins and Magistrate Li rose and it is evident that it will be several days before the case is concluded.

Several witnesses testified before Mr. Rodger, the first being Mr. H. H. Read, a steward of the Race Club, who stated that Mr. Lancaster, in charge of the cash sweeps, had shown him the edge of the winning ticket before the race. Mr. Lancaster, recalled, yesterday said that he was prepared to swear that Mr. Rodger and Wong came to him before the Champions was run, when the former had told him Wong was a half owner in the ticket and had consented to the sale of half the ticket. He was now sure of the matter because of a conversation held with the previous witness after giving evidence last Tuesday.

"Does the evidence given by Inspector Kerrigan that he came to the race track only shortly before the race and left Wong still at the station in any way alter your view?" asked Mr. Godfrey.

"Not at all," replied the witness.

How The Two Met

Mr. Haskell, Mr. Rodger's associate in the law firm of Rodger and Haskell, was the next witness. In reply to questions by the plaintiff he stated that he first saw Wong the week before the Champions, on November 8 or 9.

"He came into the office with another Chinese," said the witness, "and said that this man, who was his friend, was in trouble. He said he wanted us to take up the case and handle it as cheaply as possible because the man was a friend of his. It was a private matter and he did not want the interpreter called in. The case was about automobile ownership, of which the prospective client did not wish his father to know anything. Wong acted as interpreter, explaining the case, questioning the client, etc. When he had finished, Wong said, 'Now, Mr. Rodger, this is just a friendship matter. I want your best attention for the case and I don't want any money. It is just a friendship matter!"

In two or three days Wong came in again and asked how the case was getting along.

At this juncture there arose a controversy between Mr. Rodger and Mr. Godfrey. The latter stated to the court that he was conferring with his client when Mr. Rodger leaned over toward him and when he inquired if Mr. Rodger wished to speak to him, he replied that he "was wondering what Wong was saying." Mr. Godfrey objected to this. Mr. Rodger denied hotly that he had leaned over opposing counsel and said that he simply was "wondering what Mr. Wong was saying, or could say, in explanation of the testimony being given." Assessor Perkins interfered and the case proceeded.

Offered Wong Money

Taking up his testimony, Mr. Haskell said that his partner had taken four ten dollar bills out of his pocket and said to the defendant, 'Here, Wong, are $40 for your trouble and service in the case.'

"Wong said," continued the witness, "'Oh no, Mr. Rodger. This is a friendship matter. I don't want any money. You said (addressing Mr. Rodger) 'I don't want you to do this work for nothing. Can't I buy you something—a wrist-watch?' Wong said, 'Oh, no.' Then you said, 'Well, Wong, how would you like four tickets in the Champions?' and Wong's face seemed to brighten up and he replied, 'Yes, that would be fine. You buy four tickets and we go half-half.' You said, 'Well, I was going to give you $40 and in this case, if we go half and half, I'll add $40 and buy eight tickets.' Mr. Rodger said he would buy the tickets and Wong said that would be all right and he thought they would have some good joss."

"In your experience Chinese are generally quite ready to accept fees?" asked Mr. Godfrey in cross-examination.

"Yes, quite so," said the witness.

"Did it occur to you that a Police interpreter might refuse a fee?"

"Not at the time, for I didn't know he was such, but since then it has."

"If you had known he was a Police interpreter would you have thought it proper for him to refuse a fee?"

"I didn't regard it as a fee for bringing in a case, but as a present."

Mr. Haskell stated that he could not remember of any Chinese labor business about which Mr. Rodger went to the American consulate and could not recollect that Rodger had written out a check for Wong and tendered it, and not the $40.

"I remember it was currency," he said.

"I put it to you," said Mr. Godfrey, "that Mr. Rodger held out a check to Wong and when the latter refused it, said, 'You can buy Champions tickets with it and if we win, go half and half.'"

"No, that is not true at all."

Mr. Rodger then took the box and made his statement, the first

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Dolls and Mistletoe At Woman's Exchange

American Red Cross Shop Offers These Christmas Specialties Tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow the air of Christmas that pervades the American Woman's Red Cross Exchange at the corner of Szechuen Road and Avenue Edward VII will be charged with an added Yule Tide zest.

An elaborate exhibit of extra-special Christmas dolls, all togged out in special holiday costume, and a big consignment of mistletoe will be the inspiring elements. The dolls have been selected and specially dressed by the ladies who are providing stock for the exchange and comprise a handsome family from which to choose the present for the kiddie. The mistletoe is a result of a letter sent some time ago by Consul-General Sammons to his old stamping grounds in Manchuria, asking for a shipment of the potent berry. Consul-General Baker of Mukden in giving the matter his attention has more than duplicated the order on his own account, with the suggestion that it be sold for Red Cross work. It will be turned over to the Exchange.

The proceeds of the Exchange go to support of the local war relief work.

American Arrested On Brother's Charge

James MacDonnell Accused By A. N. MacDonnell of $3,000 Embezzlement

Charged by his brother with the embezzlement of $3,000, James MacDonnell, of the MacDonnell Chow Co., was arrested yesterday by the United States officials. The warrant was taken out by Mr. A. N. MacDonnell. The arrested brother, who had arrived from Japan Wednesday after a business trip to the States, was released on bail and the case is expected to come up before the American Consular Court in a few days. Messrs. Fleming and Davies have been engaged for the prosecution.

American Submarine Sunk By Sister Ship

F1 Rams F2 In Home Waters, 19 Of Crew Being Lost

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 19.—The American submarine F1 has been rammed and sunk by submarine F3 in a fog in home waters. Nineteen men were drowned.

U.S. Senate Favors House Resolution For Prohibition

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 18.—The Senate has accepted the resolution passed by the House of Representatives prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants throughout the United States.

LORD RHONDDA SUMS UP BRITISH FOOD SITUATION

Is Serious But No Danger Of Being Starved Out, He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—The Food Controller, Lord Rhondda, addressing the Food Committees of the London boroughs yesterday, said that he was taking steps to end the food-queues, which are centers of discontent. The question was mainly one of distribution. The local Food Committees had large discretion and should initiate schemes to stop queues, as Birmingham, Sheffield and other places have already done.

He was considering a proposal compelling every customer for butter and margarine to register at one shop.

His was a thankless task but he did not intend to resign and he would take drastic action in the interests of the nation. He was not afraid of vested interests.

There was no fear of the Germans starving us out. There would be privations and people must tighten their belts but there was no fear of our losing the war if the people showed grit, which he knew they would. "The tonnage question will get worse before it is better."

Steps had been taken which would leave no room for profiteering. If all traders were registered, transgressors could be struck off the register.

Replying to questions, Lord Rhondda said that there was not enough margarine, butter and bacon in the country. The quantity of margarine produces was rapidly increasing and next summer it would be quadruple that of 1915, but the supply from Scandinavia was likely to be restricted.

The food position generally was causing great anxiety for the future. There was no danger of a famine of meat but there was likely to be a great shortage of wheat. The position had become more serious than it was two months ago owing to the demands of France and Italy and compulsory rationing was probable.

Lord Rhondda added, with regard to meat, that if breeders did not supply cattle at fixed prices he would not hesitate to commandeer their cattle.

We may have to control the whole supplies of margarine, as he suspected that the multiple of shops were encouraging queues for the purposes of advertisement.

The price of milk during the winter would remain unchanged, but it would be 1½d. per gallon cheaper in the summer.

The supply of tea would shortly be sufficient and it would belong to the Government, which could do what it liked with it.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. J. R. Clynes, representing the Food Controller, referring to the proposed measures for the better distribution of food, said that Lord Rhondda took the view that tea was a necessary food and all the Indian and Ceylon teas required would be purchased and imported. Supplies would arrive early in 1918 and distribution would begin early in February. Wholesale and retail profits would be strictly controlled and the average prices paid would be substantially reduced.

Oilfields of Algeria Will Be Exploited

Contract For Development Of Abandoned Properties Awaits French Ratification

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—The Paris correspondent of the Times states that a contract has been initialled between Messrs. Pearson and the Governor-General of Algeria for the exploitation of the abandoned oilfields in Algeria. The contract awaits ratification by the French Government.

Trotsky Who Menaces Russian Rivals With Trip To Guillotine

This photograph of the Maximalist leader of the new Russian revolutionary government was taken at the time he left New York to return to Russia. It carries his autographed signature for passport purposes.

Trotsky was born in the Russian government of Kherson on the Black Sea. His real name is Leber Braunstein. He has travelled much; leaving Russia, he visited Spain and was shipped from that country to Cuba, from where he went to New York. He is an extreme Socialist, gifted with a forceful literary style. In today's cables he attempts to explain his recent guillotine threats.

HAIG MAKING CHANGES IN HIS STAFF OFFICERS

Introduces New Men For First Time Since He Took Command

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—The Times says that it is understood that Sir Douglas Haig is making important changes in the staff at British Headquarters, which has remained practically unaltered since the time of Lord French. There is not the slightest suggestion of any change being made in the High Command.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We drove off raiders southeast and northeastward of Passchendaele, securing some prisoners.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported last evening:

We repulsed raiders southward of Fontaine-les-Croiselles.

The hostile artillery was active eastward of Bullecourt, between Lens and Armentieres and eastward and northward of Ypres.

Our aeroplanes on Monday bombed an aerodrome near Courtrai, the station and aerodrome at Roulers and the stations at Ledeghen and Menin.

We brought down two and drove down two enemy machines. One of ours is missing.

Paris, December 18.—The official communique issued this evening reports:

There has been somewhat intense artillery duelling on the right bank of the Meuse, especially in the region of Caurieres Wood and Bezonvaux.

Commercial Bureau Started By Britain

Intelligence Department Established For Benefit Of Overseas Trade

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—It is officially announced that a new Commercial Intelligence Department has been constituted which will be known as the Department of Over-seas Trade (Development and Intelligence). Sir William Clark, K.C.S.I., has been appointed Controller-General and Mr. F. G. Butler, formerly of the Colonial Office, Director of the Over-seas Division.

SHIPPING BEING BUILT IN U.S. 8,395,000 TONS

Mr. Charles Piez Appointed New Manager of Emergency Fleet Corporation

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 18.—Charles Piez has been appointed manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in succession to Rear-Admiral Harris, who has resigned.

Mr. Hurley has issued a statement explaining that the reorganisation of the Corporation discloses the fact that 8,395,000 tons dead weight of shipping are being constructed. He says that conditions on the Pacific Coast have so improved that records are being broken in the speed with which ships are being turned out. "Construction work is progressing as fast as human labor can turn it out and we are close to the point where the results of what has been done will be apparent to everyone."

FIRST S.V.C. PARADE IN NEW DRILL HALL JAN. 7

Major T. E. Trueman, Commandant of the S.V.C., in corps orders issued yesterday announces the following:

No. 64. Holidays. The Headquarters offices will be closed on the following dates.—Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 25 and 26, 1917, and Monday, Dec. 31, 1917, and Tuesday, January 1, 1918.

No. 65. New Drill Hall. There will be a parade of the Corps on Monday, January 7, 1918, at 6 p.m. Details will be issued later.

The Drill Hall is not yet completed but is sufficiently advanced for the Corps to make use of it. Monday, January 7, will in no sense be an official opening, but it is fitting that the entire Corps should assemble at the first parade in the New Hall.

The Weather

Cloudy and misty. The maximum temperature yesterday was 40.3 and the minimum 28, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 48.9 and 33.3.

RUSSIAN-GERMAN PARLEYS TO URGE A GENERAL PEACE

Teutonic Ministers Invite Trotsky To Join In Initiating Movement

MESSAGE WIRED

Von Kuhlmann and Czernin In Brest Litovsk For Conference

WAR ON UKRAINE?

Maximalists To Fight If Further Support Is Given Kaledin

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, December 18.—Baron von Kuhlmann, the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Count Czernin, the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, telegraph that they arrive at Brest-Litovsk tomorrow. They invite the Maximalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trotsky, to join them "in order to initiate a general peace."

The Maximalist newspaper Pravda announces that the Maximalist Commissioners have sent the Ukraine Rada a 48 hour ultimatum declaring that unless the Rada renounces all further attempts to support General Kaledin the Maximalists will declare war against the Ukraine.

Trotsky Retracts Threat

Trotsky was shouted down at the meeting of the Peasants Congress owing to his speech threatening the Cadets with the guillotine and left the hall with the Maximalists shaking their fists and uttering recriminations.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd wires that Trotsky today explains that his reference to the guillotine, mentioned on the 17th, was purely hypothetical. He referred to what an enraged people might conceivably do if disappointed about the conclusion of peace and receiving the lands which have been promised them.

In the expectation of a speedy peace Russian units are leaving the Northern front in increasing numbers.

London, December 18.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times states that there have been various hints in the Bolshevik press that the Government intends to cancel all foreign loans when it has definitely ascertained that the Allies refuse to participate in peace negotiations with Germany. Time will show whether the threat is simply a mode of putting pressure on the Allies.

It is worthy of note that the Frankfurter Zeitung, the principal organ of German finance, is horrified at the thought of the Russians repudiating their debt.

Ukraine Proclaims Republic

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Ukranian Rada is proclaiming the Ukraine Democratic Republic, forming part of the new All-Russian Federal Republic and including Kieff (19,676 square miles), Podolia (16,214 square miles), Volhynia (27,699 square miles), Chernigoff (20,232 square miles), Poltava (19,265 square miles), Kharkoff (21,041 square miles), Ekaterinoslav (24,477 square miles), Kherson (27,337 square miles), and Taurida (23,312 square miles, without the Crimea) and also Kursk (17,937 square miles), Holm (6,213 square miles) and Voronesh (25,443 square miles), if the inhabitants so decide.

The Cossacks have occupied the eastern part of the Voronesh Government.

NAVAL AIR RAID

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 19.—The Admiralty issues the following communique:

Yesterday afternoon our aircraft bombed Engel aerodrome and dump. Several bombs burst in the carsheds of the aerodrome and several direct hits were secured on the dump and railway-sidings. One enemy machine was shot down in flames and another out of control. All our machines returned.

NINE MORE V.C.'S GIVEN FOR DEEDS OF HEROISM

Four Of Nine Gave Up Lives To Carry Out Orders Or Save Positions

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, Dec. 18.—The Gazette contains the names of nine new recipients of the Victoria Cross, four of whom have been killed. The recipients include two Canadians and an Australian. The deeds recorded, as usual, show extraordinary heroism. Indeed most of them are for several distinct acts of such heroism.

The following examples are typical:

Major Alexander Lafone, late of the Yeomanry, for seven hours in semi-darkness held a position against heavy shelling. Ultimately all his men except three were hit. He ordered those who could walk to move slightly to the rear and then continued a most heroic resistance. When finally surrounded and charged by the enemy he stepped into the open and continued to fight until mortally wounded, thus carrying out his orders to hold the position at all costs.

Second Lieutenant Clement Robertson of the Tank Corps, knowing the risk of the Tanks missing their way, led them on foot over ground heavily ploughed up by shell fire in the face of heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire towards their objective, although he must have known that his action would almost inevitably cost him his life. He was killed after reaching the first objective.

Corporal William Clamp, late of the Yorkshire regiment, receives the Victoria Cross for the following gallant action:

"When our advance was checked by intense machine-gun fire from concrete blockhouses and snipers in ruined buildings, Corporal Clamp dashed forward with two men against the largest blockhouse. His companions were knocked out, whereupon he immediately collected more bombs and, calling on two other men to follow him, again rushed forward. He was the first to reach the blockhouse and killed many of the occupants. He then entered it and brought out a machine-gun and twenty prisoners, whom he brought back under a heavy fire from enemy snipers. He again went forward, encouraging and cheering his men, and succeeded in rushing several snipers' posts. Finally he was killed by a sniper. His courage and self-sacrifice were magnificent and relieved what was undoubtedly a very critical situation."

Obituary

Rumanian Envoy To Tokio

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Tokio, December 19.—The Rumanian Envoy, M. Xenopol, died yesterday. Their Majesties today despatched messages of condolence to St. Luke's Hospital, where M. Xenopol died. A wreath will be sent from the Court tomorrow.

Tokio, December 20.—The funeral of the Rumanian Envoy, M. Xenopol, took place today at the Russian Cathedral. It was attended by the Princes, Cabinet Ministers and members of the Diplomatic Corps. A messenger sent by Their Imperial Majesties placed a wreath on the coffin. After the ceremony the remains were taken to Aoyama Cemetery, escorted by a company of the Imperial Lancers.

F. M. Sah's Successor Unwilling to Serve

Says He Does Not Want To Take Post Of Foreign Commissioner

Mr. Tsen Chung-chien, appointed a month ago to succeed Mr. F. M. Sah as Foreign Commissioner in Shanghai, has expressed his unwillingness to accept the new post. In a letter to a Shanghai friend he stated that the questions of the registration of enemy subjects and the limited allowance of the foreign bureau in Shanghai have caused him hesitation in assuming the new office.

"Even with his excellent qualification," the message added, "Mr. Sah is unable to work satisfactorily. How can they expect much from a common official like myself?"

Mr. Tsen also said that he prefers his present post in Peking.

Further Gains Made Beyond Jerusalem

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18.—An official despatch from Palestine reports:

We have seized the high ground eastward of Abudis, southeastward of Jerusalem, taking 117 prisoners. Our casualties were considerably fewer than the number of the Turkish dead.

Our aeroplanes, bombing enemy boats and troops at the north end of the Dead Sea, flew 400 feet below sea level. (The Dead Sea is 1,290 feet below the level of the Mediterranean).

Convoy System Cuts British Ship Losses

Only Two Per Cent Of Homeward Cargoes Sunk In November

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18.—In the House of Commons today Sir Chiozza Money, Parliamentary Secretary to the Shipping Controller, said that the general result of the convoy system had been a great diminution in losses, only two per cent of homeward cargoes having been lost in November.

He added that five British steamers were damaged in the Halifax disaster and about two-thirds of their crews killed.

TREATY TO ISOLATE GERMANY PROPOSED

Member of Commons Suggests Commercial Exclusion Pact Unless Terms Are Met

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18.—In the House of Commons today Mr. David Davies suggested that Great Britain should propose to her Allies a treaty for the total exclusion of all commerce, shipping and trade with the Central Powers until they abandoned all the occupied territories, made complete reparation for their crimes and accepted the Allies' proposals for the self-determination of nationalities, international arbitration and the limitation of armaments after the war.

Lord Robert Cecil replied that the suggestion will be carefully considered.

ADMIRAL GRANT, K.C.B.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 18.—The King today invested Vice-Admiral Lowther Grant with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Bath.

Rodger Witness In Own Libel Suit

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part being practically the same as Mr. Haskell's testimony.

In beginning his statement, Mr. Rodgers stated that he was a graduate of the University of Chattanooga and had been admitted to the Tennessee Circuit and Supreme Courts in 1910.

Wong, he said, on the occasion of his second visit to the office had lingered as though he wanted something and he, the witness, had then offered him the four bills, telling Wong that he wanted him to feel paid for his services in interpreting and not be under obligations to him. A day or so later he had received a chit from the interpreter asking the numbers of the tickets and had written them on the bottom of the letter and returned it.

The next time he saw Wong, the plaintiff said, was at the Race Course in front of the board on which the numbers were posted and a few minutes before the race was run.

Events at Race Course

"It was a matter of five minutes before the race," he said. "I went up to Wong and said, 'We've had very good joss. Catch very good pony, and I have sold half for $10,000.' He said, 'This pony can win?' and I said, 'I don't know, but we have each got $5,000, maskee if the pony dies.' We then went to Mr. Lancaster. Wong stood at the entrance as I gave Mr. Lancaster the ticket and he said he had it noted down that it was in joint account with a Chinese and asked, 'Does he consent to the sale?' I said 'Yes, here he is.' Mr. Lancaster said to Wong, 'How about this?' and Wong replied, 'I never do this business before. I leave this in Mr. Rodger's hands. He can do very proper.'

Mr. Rodger then went on with the evidence of the meeting between Wong and Mr. Chill and the others in front of the grandstand and of the interpreter's conversation regarding "his investment" and subsequent agreement that it was Mr. Rodger's money, as outlined by testimony of last Tuesday.

On the Saturday following the Champions, the witness continued, he had received a letter from the law firm of Fleming and Davies stating that Wong had placed with them the matter of a claim for money due him as his share of the winnings. Their client claimed that the half share of the ticket had been sold without his knowledge or consent and he wanted $39,000 instead of the $24,500 turned over to him. Making inquiries, Mr. Rodger said, he found "the most outrageous rumors" running all over Shanghai regarding his deal with the interpreter. He had then filed the petition against Wong.

On cross examination Mr. Godfrey questioned at length concerning Mr. Rodger's previous acquaintance with Wong. The witness stated that he only knew Wong casually before his coming to the office and did not know that he was a police interpreter at Louza station. If he had known, he said he would not have offered the man the money without first consulting the Superintendent of Police. He learned of Wong's position when he arranged to send him the numbers of the tickets.

Mr. Godfrey read the chit sent by Wong requesting the numbers of "the eight tickets bought in my behalf."

"I put it to you," said Mr. Godfrey, "in the face of this letter that Wong was under the impression that those tickets were bought with $80 which you had given to him."

"He was not under that impression," retorted the witness and proceeded to give reason. Counsel objected strenuously, insisting that the witness confine himself to the question.

"If you, Mr. Rodger, were questioning a witness and got such a reply you would jump on him," said Mr. Godfrey.

Witness Cautioned Against Arguing

"We will have to proceed with this case on a basis of questions and answers," Assessor Perkins told the witness after further controversy. "If not we will have to strike out your testimony."

Continuing, Mr. Godfrey asked the defendant why, if he were so quick to take Wong up when he intimated the tickets were bought with his money at the Race track, he had not corrected the statement in the chit where the intimation was "so explicit."

The witness replied that he had read the chit hastily and that he considered it as from a Chinese who did not know perfect English.

"I put it to you that, excepting one word, it is in perfect English," declared Mr. Godfrey.

The court again cautioned the witness about arguing the questions, after Mr. Godfrey had begun further interrogation on the letter.

"I am sitting today with more patience than is usual even with me," said the Assessor, "but it is almost impossible to conduct the case if every long question brought up is to be argued out."

"Can you suggest any motive or frame of mind which would make Wong say 'the eight Champions tickets bought on my behalf?'" asked Mr. Godfrey.

"It was probably hastily written," said Mr. Rodger.

"I put it to you it is a carefully written letter," insisted counsel.

"I consider it an ordinary letter," replied the witness.

After further questioning along the same line the case was adjourned until today.

News Brevities

The American Song Service will have a special musical program Sunday afternoon, December 23, at 4.30 o'clock in the Palace Hotel. There will be several quartets, solos and selections from a Christmas chorus. Mr. C. L. Boynton will give a short Christmas address and a collection will be taken for a charitable enterprise, the nature of which will be announced at the meeting.

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Fifty-six catties of opium valued at more than $10,000 were found and two Shantung men were arrested when the Nantao police raided a house in an alleyway on the Chinese side of the Boulevard des Deux Republiques Tuesday. The accused admitted to the police that they have imported the opium from Amoy for the purpose of selling it in the interior. The police stated that $5,000 was offered to the constables who effected the raid as bribes.

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Owing to the great demand for seats in the Olympic Theater for the exhibition of British official war films and variety entertainment on Boxing Night, December 26, the public is notified that all seats booked and not taken up by Saturday will be re-sold.

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Mr. J. W. Fraser, formerly of Shanghai, has joined the Artists Rifles Officers' Training Corps, it has been learned.

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Mr. M. E. Ashley, formerly a member of the Shanghai Municipal Police, has been appointed second lieutenant in the Chinese Labor Battalion.

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Three former members of the staff of the Hankow-Canton Railway administration who went to the front have been promoted. Mr. F. A. Clifford and Mr. A. G. Roberts have been appointed captains and Mr. B. T. B. Boothby has become a major.

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The exchange banks in the Shanghai Foreign Exchange Bankers' Association will be closed to public business next Tuesday and Wednesday on account of the Christmas holidays. The Chinese Post Office will be open on Saturday during the same hours as on Sundays. On Tuesday the local, express and registration offices will be open from 8 to 10.30, 14 to 16.30 and 20 to 21 o'clock. The Parcel Post will be closed both days. The British Consulate-General will be closed on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Six Chinese, alleged members of a big firm-defrauding gang, are charged in the Mixed Court with obtaining over $3,000 worth of goods from various local stores, including the Sincere Company, by means of bogus checks and bank orders. In all eighteen charges are made against the men. The testimony preliminary to a special hearing states that the men have admitted a number of the charges.

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Marking the occasion of the inauguration of their Shanghai office, the Mitsui Bank, Ltd., No. 3 Foochow Road, Mr. S. Takeda, manager, will have a reception tomorrow, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
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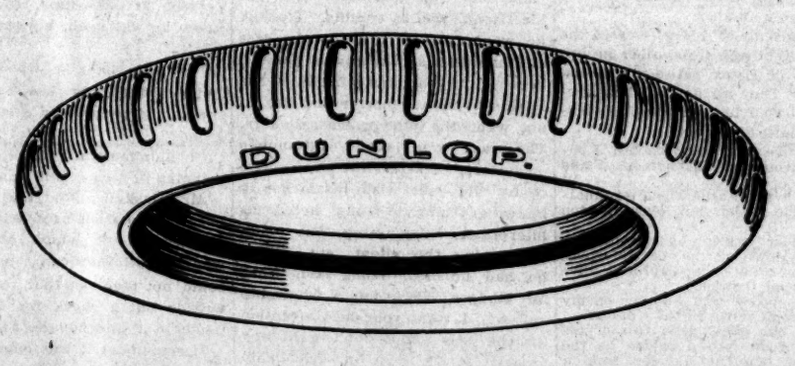

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NEW METHODS ARE URGED

Belief Grows That Gains Of Territory Are Too Slow To Bring Victory

Washington, November 3.—Sentiment for a naval drive at the U-boat bases and to hem in Germany from the sea with the greatest battle fleet the world has known is being renewed rapidly and is gaining ground in the highest official circles here as a result of the German naval success in the Baltic. This was learned today on high official authority.

Taking into account the full explanation made by Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the British Admiralty, of the reasons for not sending a British fleet to the assistance of the hard pressed Russians in the Baltic, it is believed here by officials whose opinions will have the greatest weight in the conduct of the war that an arrangement can be made whereby an overpowering allied fleet can be detached from all other duty and used in the drive and yet leave none of the allied seacoasts without adequate protection.

At present the plan is only half formed and none of its relatively minor details has even been considered. The attitude toward the suggestion of the other nations at war with Germany either is not known or cannot be revealed. It is unlikely that it will be put into effect before spring, at the earliest, even if all the details of the plan are completed.

Air Machines Relied On

The main support of the naval arm in the great offensive would be air fighting machines. Several thousand of them would be employed in the drive. One of the reasons for the delay until spring, it was pointed out, would be to enable the great American fleet of airplanes to take part.

The impression is gaining ground among officials concerned in the conduct of the war that the complete victory demanded by America and the Allies must come or at least be considerably hastened by the employment of new tactics in some direction. Naturally the naval arm is most favored.

The problem of course is an enormous one. Mine fields and land fortifications would have to be dealt with, as well as submarines and the German fleet. The aerial arm of the attack would be overwhelmingly in favor of the nations fighting Prussia, though, and would more than offset any advanatage gained by German mine fields, it is believed here.

It is no secret that little actual territorial gain is expected any longer on the Russian and Italian fronts. The troops on these fronts are looked upon as mainly valuable to keep a large force of German and Austrians engaged. The crushing of Germany must come from other directions, it is being urged, and it is being urged strongly that the employment of a weapon hitherto practically unused offensively would force the Kaiser to his knees faster than merely maintaining the pounding which has been in progress for years.

MR. BUCKMAN CONDUCTS BIG MEETINGS IN AMOY

Special Correspondence to the China Press

Amoy, December 10.—During the past week Amoy has been awakened as never before to the need of personal work in the church. Since last Tuesday the days and evenings have been filled to overflowing with talks, group meetings of business men, students from both the girls' and men's colleges and also women's groups, all centering around the development of personal work.

The fact that a splendid body of business men composed one of the groups, that every man asked came to the meetings and that they did this for four successive nights and listened to Mr. Buchman tell them their sins, how to get rid of them and how to lead others into the Christian life shows that the interest was splendid and that the results will be far-reaching.

With Mr. Buchman, who is from the faculty of Hartford Theological Seminary, were the following: H. J. Blackstone of Nanking, Miss Ruth Paxson of the Y.W.C.A. and Mr. H. A. Wilbur of the Y.M.C.A. from Shanghai, Mr. F. M. Mohler of the Hongkong Y.M.C.A., Mrs. J. S. Adams, Mrs. H. McKay, Miss Edith Davis, Miss Dorothy Davies and Mr. S. S. Day. Accompanied by several Amoy people, the party left for Foochow today at one o'clock on the Haihong, leaving behind them a group of forty-five enthusiastic missionaries and many picked Chinese men and women, all of whom have been greatly awakened to their opportunities for personal Christian work.

"Fantomas," Mysterious German Aviator Revealed As Walter Rutt

WALTER RUTT.

On a certain sector in France the poilus were menaced by "Fantomas," the "ghost" aviator, who, though he swept down close to the lines, seemed to have a charm against the bullets of the soldiers. After more than a year of adventurous attacks he has been brought down and identified as Walter Rutt, the world's greatest bicyclist, who was well known to patrons of the six-day bicycle races at Madison Square Garden, N. Y. He left the United States for Germany on the outbreak of the war.

Rutt avoided fighting other planes, devoting his energies to banging away with his machine gun at poilus, wagons, autos, ammunition trucks, sentinel posts and supply trains. He was respected and admired by the Frenchmen on whose sector he operated.

DESTRUCTION MARKS RETREAT IN HUNAN

Telegraph Poles Cut Down, Railway Traffic Interrupted And Train Wrecked

Special Correspondence to The China Press

Siangtan, Hunan, December 12.—The wake of the Northern soldiers as they retreated through Hunan was marked by destruction of public property, particularly telegraph lines and the railroad. Several miles west of Siangtan the telegraph line was destroyed by the last section of the retreating Northerners in order to prevent communication with the soldiers of the Southern army who were pressing on behind. Eight or ten telegraph poles were hewn down and the wires cut, thus effectively stopping messages for the time being.

Once the Northern soldiers were out of the way, linemen soon had communication restored by attaching the wires to trees. The interruption of railroad traffic has been more serious. At Ih Kia Wan, a small village on the railroad about twenty miles south of Changsha, a train was wrecked by a small party of Northerners. They were evidently detailed for this particular piece of destruction and it was effectively carried out.

The station platform at this place is on a level with the car floor, which permits stepping immediately from the platform into the car. The edge of the platform is lined with large stones and these were the chief instruments used in wrecking the train. A number of these stones were loosened and made ready for an instantaneous hurling, upon the track. The soldiers then concealed themselves behind the station and waited for the next train, which proved to be a fast coal train of empty cars not stopping at this station.

Rushing from their place of concealment when the train was less than fifty yards away they suddenly threw these huge stones upon the track and the train was wrecked in a minute's time. Without waiting for the impact of engine and stones the soldiers began firing rapidly into the engine, puncturing the boiler at a number of places and killing three of the trainmen. As the coal cars were iron, only the hindmost three were seriously injured, but these were telescoped and twisted into shapeless condition. This destructive act prevented the Southerners from using the railroad in following up the Northern soldiers.

Apart from the seven or eight thousand Northern soldiers in Changsha, who surrendered arms and ammunition, practically all the men of the Northern army now left in Hunan are those stationed at Yochow, and unless diplomatic measures intervene, causing a withdrawal of those forces, it would seem that a conflict near the Tungting lake must be inevitable.

Yesterday this city was on its best behavior in order to welcome T'an Hao-min, former Military Governor of Kwangsi, who arrived overland in the morning. His arrival had been expected earlier and several times the city has been decorated with flags in anticipation of his coming. For several weeks he has been at Hengchow but is now slowly making his way to Changsha, and it may be even further. Citizens high and low and school children of all grades turned out with flags and trumpets to make the welcome as cordial as possible. His present position is that of Commander-in-chief of what are called the Yueh-Kwei-Siang forces, i.e. the Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Hunan armies. He is the son-in-law of Lu Yung-ting, at present Commander-in-chief of all the Southern forces, and undoubtedly has considerable military backing.

The South seems to be proceeding in a determined manner with the task it has set for itself. As to a Governor for Hunan the hearts of this people turn instinctively to Tan Yen-kai. He has been Governor of this province twice, and during his incumbency maintained such loyal devotion to the interests of the people, that his return as Governor would meet with genuine approval.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN OF Y.M.C.A. ROUNDS UP 500 LADS AND $7,025

The second week of the Y.M.C.A. membership campaign has brought the total to 500 members and $7,025 in fees collected.

According to Mr. K. S. Zee, the Generalissimo of the campaign as well as the head of the Membership Department, the figures mentioned above would have mounted up higher but for the fact that three out of the eight teams have withheld their points, reserving them as a surprise "stunt" for the last and fourth week, that is, January 5.

The rally of this week was especially enlivened by three intensely interesting films on (1) "Making of Christmas Crackers in London," (2) "The Industrial Blinds in London," (3) "His Majesty Baby-boy"—this distinguished appellation being derived from his courage to play and make friends with lions, tigers and the like.

Mr. David Z. T. Yui, the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. National Committee, also helped to entertain the campaign workers with an inspiring speech on "The Y.M.C.A. Work and True Citizenship in China."

Beer? Not Much; Whale Steak Popular Now

Washington, D.C., November 15.—Strange and novel are some of the foods to which the American people are turning in war-time, even though not driven by necessity.

Whale meat, as a chafing dish piece de resistance, is only one of the several kinds. Luxuries in bags, etc., from porpoise and shark skin are growing in favor. The fisheries service reports that 247,000 pounds of whale meat was marketed in San Francisco and Seattle this year. One company wants to hunt whale off the Southern California coast this winter to supply the demand

Siccawei Weather Report

19.—Fine cold weather in our regions. Rain in the Philippines. The anticyclone is prevailing and rather heavy over Central China. Winter monsoon fresh to strong on our coasts, somewhat stronger at the Loochoos and on the S.W. coasts of Japan.

20.—Misty, milder weather; barometer slightly falling, but still above the average sight N.N.W. breezes.

Thursday, December 20, 1917.

WEATHER	4 a.m.	9 a.m.
Bar. at Centg., mm...	773.31	774.81
Bar. at Centg., inches.	30.44	30.50
Variation mm for 24h	†5.56	†4.98
Variation mm for 12h	†3.52	†2.36
Wind—Direction	NNW	NW
Wind—Kilom per hour	15	24
Wind—Miles	9.3	14.9
Temperature—Cen ...	−2°9	−1°0
Temperature—Fah ...	26.8	30.2
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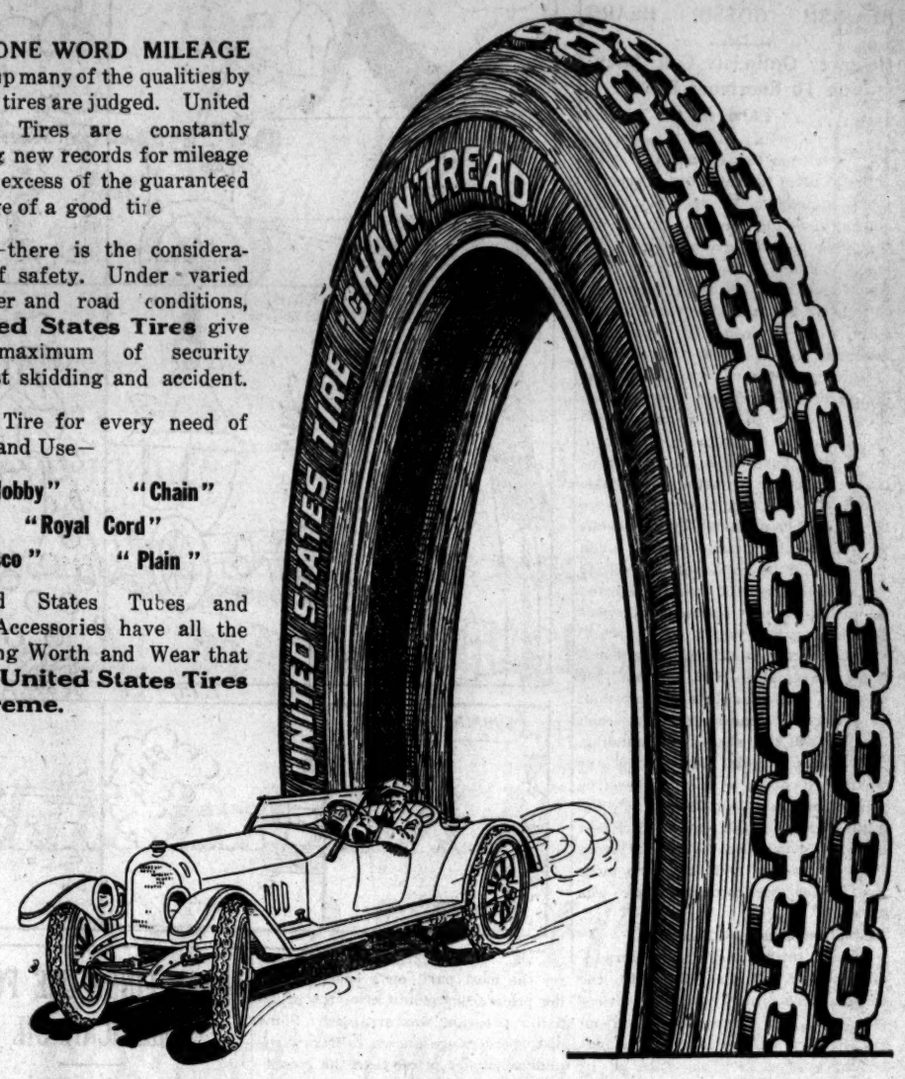

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STEEL CORPORATION REPORT WINS FAVOR

Although Pessimists Point To Inroads On Income Of Excess-Profits Tax

BEARISH GOSSIP HEARD

However Optimists Call Attention To Enormous Profits Earned

(*From the Annalist*)

The United States Steel Corporation's statement for the September quarter had the unusual quality of supplying both unfavorable facts for pessimists on industry under war conditions, and favorable facts for optimists. From a superficial standpoint, the tremendous inroad of estimated excess-profits taxes upon net income, amounting to 48 per cent of the outside profit, appeared to give the pessimists something of an advantage. The break in Steel common on the two days after the report appeared showed something of this effect. On the other hand, the balance of $43,427,000 available for dividends was something from which much cheer could be extracted by critics whose vision had not become distorted by the abnormal products of war-steel buying last year.

The common stock balance of earnings was equal to 8.54 per cent per share, at the annual rate of more than 34 per cent, meaning $34 for each of the 5,081,000 shares outstanding. There was a time not so long ago when such enormous earning power as this was only considered by the management in its dreams. The best year the corporation ever had before the war was in 1907, when no more than $15.60 per common share was earned.

Deduction Causes Comment

Before setting aside the extraordinary war tax of $63,733,013, the corporation's net earnings were $131,976,797, a decrease of about $12,500,000 from the total of the preceding quarter. On the face of it, this item looks unfavorable, but there is a factor to be considered which may later show that the September period was not actually set back so far as the figures would indicate. Among the deductions from gross income there was one which had never appeared before in the corporation's reports. It was an allowance "for estimated proportion of extraordinary costs of facilities installed by reason of war requirements." No further information was supplied, and none has since been advanced by Judge Gary or his associates.

As the corporation has been known to be rushing new plant additions since the United States entered the war, and has put military and shipbuilding steel facilities first, it is easily possible that considerable more than $12,500,000 has been spent "by reason of war requirements," of which all or a major part may have been written out of earnings in the September quarter. It is understood in the steel trade that the companies which have had to make special outlay for new plants in order to carry out Government orders will amortise these expenditures as they go along. This means that, out of current earnings the steelmakers will be able to reimburse themselves for unusual plant outlay and when the flow of Government orders stops they will have additional facilities, paid for or partly paid for, which may be switched to commercial steel lines when the war ends.

In the nine months ended September 30 the corporation earned a net income, before providing for depreciation, extraordinary replacements, and sinking fund requirements, amounting to $436,177,615, compared with $333,574,178 in the whole of last year, and $130,396,011 the year before that. Of the income of this year's three quarters, the corporation's published figures show that $164,233,600 has been definitely reserved to meet the excess profits and income taxes, and to this must be added a further reservation made in the first quarter which has not been announced, but is believed to be about $15,000,000 more. The reservation which has been made public amounts to more than 37 per cent of total net earnings to the end of the third quarter, and the full amount is estimated in excess of 40 per cent.

High Prices Obtained

In regard to one uncertain feature of the Steel situation in the balance of the year, the corporation's report supplied no means for making deductions. This has to do with prices. Presumably, the lower quotations which the Government prescribed for its steel purchases figured, in part, in the third quarter earnings, but the management has been silent about the matter. Government buying got well under way in July, and as Federal orders had precedence over private business, it would seem that the Steel Corporation handled a heavy tonnage of low-priced orders before September 30. Government contracts were taken, for the most part, on a basis requiring price adjustments after the price-fixing program was arranged. Some of the orders are known to have commanded higher prices than the recently established minimums, but others are believed to have attained nothing more than the minimum quotations.

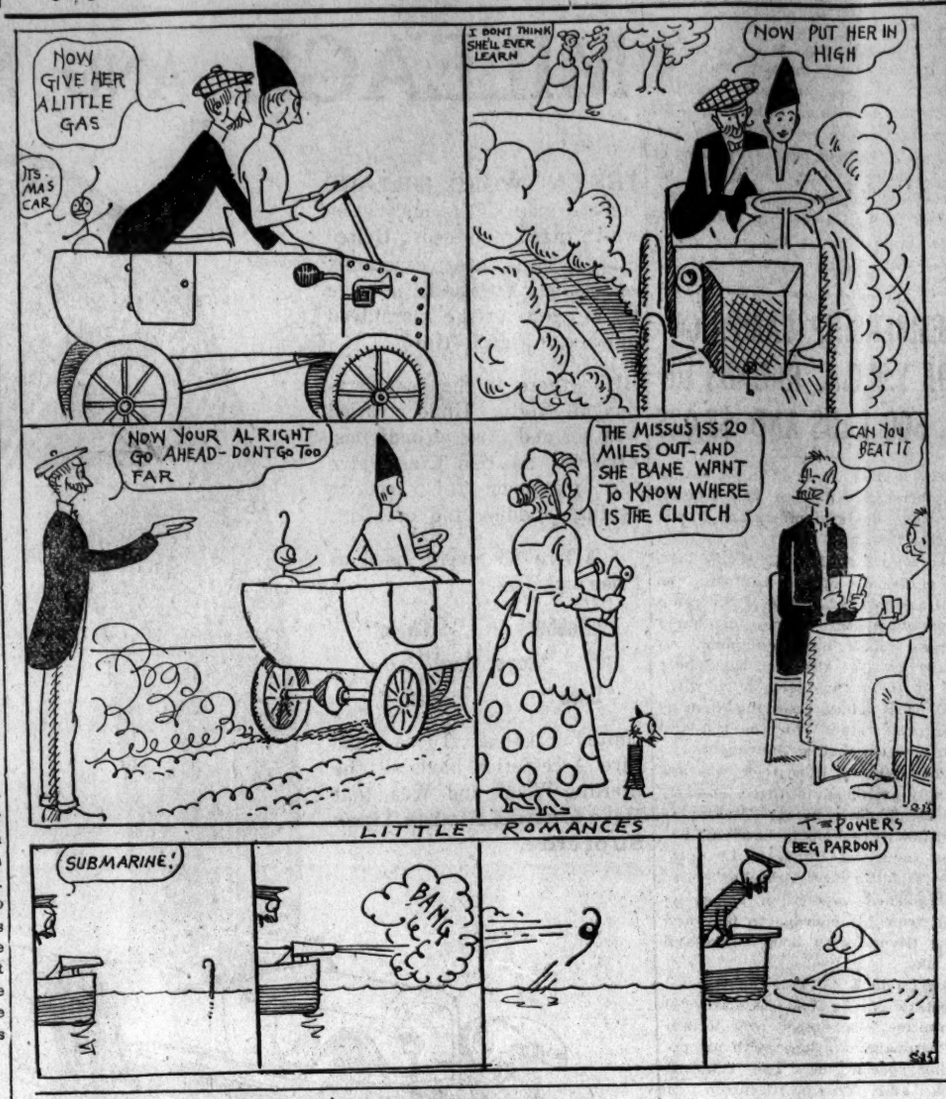
The arbitrary quotations, however, do not mean as great sacrifice of profits, in comparison with the old quotations, as for a number of other companies. The corporation, as an example, did not sell ship plates as high as 8 and 9 cents a pound earlier in the year; in fact, the highest received was closer to 5 cents a pound. The marking down of quotations under President Wilson's decision, putting plates at 3.9 cents a pound, means that the corporation's sale prices in the future are not likely to be far below the average received in the first six months of the year.

Much bearish gossip was heard after the report appeared on Tuesday afternoon to the effect that the corporation might need to reduce the dividend in order to assure the Treasury of cash enough to meet war taxes later. So far as could be learned, no basis existed for the stories. The corporation is understood to have fully $100,000,000 invested in Government Treasury certificates, which may be used in paying taxes, as well as cash and investments in Liberty bonds and short-term notes amounting to at least $300,000,000 more.

NEW MAJOR GENERALS

Washington, December 2.—Colonel George H. Cameron, cavalry; Colonel George W. Read, cavalry; Colonel Charles T. Menoher, field artillery; Colonel Charles C. Ballou, infantry; and Colonel Andre W. Brewster, infantry, have been appointed major generals of the United States Army.

Joys and Glooms By Tom Powers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The present obligation to apply for licenses to export from the United States all products containing tin has brought to light a very interesting testimonial to the ingenuity of the Japanese, states the San Francisco Examiner. For some time it has been the custom for Japanese merchants to utilise the five-gallon cans in which American firms send petroleum products to the Far East to ship vegetable oils back to this country. At the end of this second journey the cans usually found a resting place in Puget Sound, the vegetable oils being emptied into tank cars for overland transportation.

With the rising prices of tin plate and the difficulty of getting it for other than food-preservation uses, Japanese merchants on the West Coast conceived the idea of putting these cans to work again. A trial lot was purchased, the tops and bottoms were removed, the bodies slit so as to save cargo space, and the lot shipped back to Japan. The cans were sold to manufacturers to toys, export cases (for lining), bottle caps, and dust pans. They were also sold for roofing purposes. The trial having proven successful, it is needless to say that no more of these cans are thrown into Puget Sound.—*Japan Advertiser.*

ARREST GERMAN AGENT

San Francisco, December 1 (delayed.)—A despatch from Los Angeles states that Karl Frederick Wileman, an ex-soldier in the United States army, but who is believed to be in reality a German consular agent from China who enlisted in the army at Manila, has been arrested there on a presidential warrant and is held on a P.2,000 bond. Wileman has recently been working as a cartoonist in that city.

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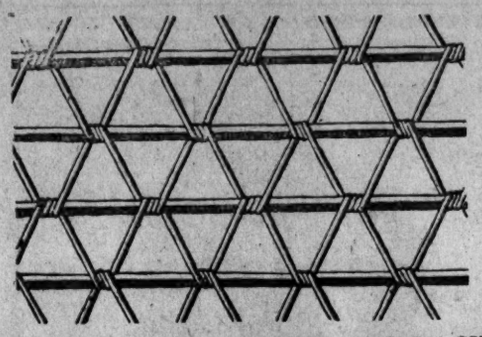

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IMPARTIAL AND PROGRESSIVE

SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 21, 1917

Another Way Of Keeping Your Powder Dry

THE Lower House of the American Congress has adopted a resolution to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants throughout the United States. The vote was decisive, overwhelming. To be exact, the resolution was carried by 282 votes to 128. The resolution is now before the Senate. Reuter's despatch of yesterday says that the Senate has "accepted" it. This probably means that a resolution along similar lines before that body has been sidetracked in favor of the House measure.

While the Senate is less easily swayed than the House and is somewhat more cautious in its responses to popular demands, nevertheless we are on fairly safe ground in assuming that its action on this resolution will not be long delayed and will be favorable. Thus, as Congress was only convened on December 3, there is every probability that within the short span of a month, or less, this Congress, the 65th, will have accomplished the greatest moral reform in American history.

For while we believe that the resolution is to be effective only "for the duration of the war," the entrenched power of the distillers and brewers, once completely smashed, will never recover, and all the manufacturers and dealers will find themselves unable, and probably in many cases unwilling even if able, to fight the forces of prohibition at the end of the war. This is more especially likely in case the war lasts a year or two longer, which it shows every symptom of doing; for by that time the breweries and distilleries will have been turned into gun and ammunition works and their proprietors, having observed the steady advance of prohibition in the United States for some years past, would certainly think twice before putting their money back into a venture that soon or late was certain to prove a losing one.

It is difficult to picture what the night life and even the day life of New York and the other great cities of the United States will be like with wine, beer and whisky eliminated; and there is every likelihood of a fair-sized financial panic as a result of this resolution, for vast fortunes are tied up in the manufacture and trade involved. But it is another great evidence of the deadly earnestness with which the people of the United States are preparing to bring every ounce of power they have to the task of winning the war. The millions of tons of food that this resolution will save to America and her Allies will help win the war; the vast fuel energies wasted in distilleries and breweries heretofore will be directed into war-winning channels and the millions of healthier, clearer-minded and cleaner-handed men resulting from this measure, will, both at home and abroad, make doubly sure of winning the war.

America Takes A Hand

(New York Times)

AT the moment when British politicians are seeking to encompass the fall of Lloyd George because of his attempt to bring about unity of plan and control in military operations, President Wilson emphatically declares for the same thing. But he does more. When he says that it must be done if the great resources of the United States are to be used to the best purpose, he delivers emphatically the first reminder that this country is playing a part already that entitles it to a high place at the council table of the Allies.

The magnitude of the President's service to the common cause is beyond question. When unity has been talked of, those who talked of it have been sagely reminded that the differences of viewpoint between the European nations are such that any one of them who proposed it would be subject to jealousy and suspicion. Therefore, it was the duty of the one great nation which stood apart from European policies and traditions, whose motives could not possibly be under suspicion, to cut the knot. It was our duty, but duties often go undone and opportunities are often not seized. In recognising the duty and seizing the opportunity the President played the part of a great statesman.

That unity which we have been told is a dream is now made possible. Insuperable obstacles become mere difficulties when the right word is spoken, and by the right man. Lloyd George spoke it, but he was the head of an interested nation, and Mr. Wilson is at the head of a disinterested one. Mr. George spoke it from the highest motives, but his motives were immediately made the target of partisan suspicion. Mr. Wilson cannot be made that kind of target. And, in assuming the leadership of the movement for unity, Mr. Wilson has really done Mr. George a great service; for his own leadership would always have been hampered by all the obstacles that partisan pettiness could invent. Now, in that movement, he has behind him all the power of the United States, the nation on which the war must more and more depend.

It will be a shock to those British politicians who were trying to use the United States for the purpose of encompassing Lloyd George's downfall; Lord Northcliffe spoke truly when he said that the United States would not stand by and see its blood and treasure sacrificed to incompetency, but he was vastly wrong when he sought to enlist that fact against the administration of Lloyd George. The incompetency which the United States dreads is precisely that incompetency to which Mr. George seeks to put an end. It is not the incompetency of generals or statesmen, but an artificial incompetency created by disunion of command; it is the incompetency of a deadlock. Military initiative has been paralysed by the scattering of responsibility. The President warns our allies that this paralysis must cease. This is the demand of the British Premier. Yesterday it seemed a demand that could not be realised because of partisan opposition at home and the mutual jealousies of the Allies. Now that the President has spoken, we believe that those things will shrink into their proper proportions and that for that reason, if for no other, this is a historic day for Europe.

Not only can there be no suspicion of America's motives, but there is no avoiding her voice. This country is the storehouse and the bank of the Allies. Hitherto not a word has come from us in reminder of that fact. It has come now only because the occasion called for it. Nothing less could have brought it forth, and now it comes with dignity. This nation is faced with the prospect that the division of responsibility which has checkmated the Allies for three years shall continue, chiefly because of the political opposition to Lloyd George and the susceptibilities of certain officers. That continuance means the loss of American lives, and the President, in that unanswerable way to which his countrymen are accustomed when he speaks, announces not only the interest of America in this matter but its determination to protect its interest.

The Wells of Beersheba Quench Tommies' Thirst

(From The Kansas City Star)

The British have captured Beersheba and Tommy Atkins is singing "Tipperary" where in the dawn of the world Abimelech's daughters once sounded the loud timbrel, and he is ashing the desert sands from his throat with the waters that once performed the same service for Abraham and Isaac and that saved the life of Hagar, the bond woman, and her outcast son, Ishmael.

Prosaically the brief despatches announce the news, yet the very name is redolent of the primal poetry of civilisation and evokes pictures that have been familiar to the world for thousands of years. Beersheba—we vision it as the mysterious sanctuary visited by the angels of the Lord, the "place of the convenant," where the first treaty of peace recorded in the Bible was solemnly pledged, and where the life of the first nomad was sustained to found a mighty nation, whose descendants, the Arabs, by the way, assisted the British in investing the town and effecting its capture.

Beersheba is one of the most ancient of the towns of Palestine. In these days it enjoys the distinction of being a railroad town on a road that runs to the Egyptian border. It is about forty miles from Jerusalem, "midway between Gaza and Hebron," and in the days of Kings and the Judges it marked the southern limits of the land of Palestine. "From Dan to Beersheba" has passed into a proverb.

The Story Of Hagar And Ishmael

The first mention of the place in the Bible is in connection with the story of Hagar, the Egyptian, the bond wife of Abraham, and her son, Ishmael, the disinherited, who were driven into the desert by Abraham, instigated by the jealousy of Sarah.

> And Abraham rose up early in the morning and took bread and a bottle of water and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away, and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

And here, when she and the boy were forespent with thirst, the angel of the Lord appeared to Hagar and "opened her eyes and she saw a well of water, and she went and filled the bottle with water and gave the lad drink, and God was with the lad and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness."

That was the first well of Beersheba, which afterwards became a great "watering place" for the nomads of the desert. It was known as the "place of seven wells." Abraham dug one of them, when he went there to make his peace with Abimelech, the Philistine, and he "planted a grove in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord," in witness of the treaty that he had entered into with Abimelech. Of these seven ancient wells of Beersheba, several still are sending forth living waters, although the waters of one are pumped up by a modern gasoline engine and of another by horse power.

And Beersheba was Abraham's "home town." It was after that time when he took young Isaac to make a sacrifice of him, when the Lord tempted him to see how great was his love. It was only a 3-day journey out of Beersheba to the place where the sacrifice was to be made and where a ram, caught in the thorns of a thicket by his horns, saved young Isaac's life. And after it was all over, the Book of Genesis records, "Abraham returned unto his young men and they rose up and went together to Beersheba and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba."

Where Jacob Saw The Ladder

It was from Beersheba that Jacob went to the place where he lay down upon a pillow of stones and the ladder came down to him from heaven.

"And Jacob went from Beersheba and went toward Heran, and he lighted upon a certain place and tarried there all night, because the sun was set, and he took of the stones of the place and put them for his pillows and lay down in that place to sleep, and he dreamed, and behold a ladder was set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven, and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it."

And it was from Beersheba that Jacob afterwards, in his patriarchal days, started on that visit "unto Joseph in the land of Egypt." "And Jacob rose from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried Jacob, their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him."

To the sanctuary of Beersheba it was, also, that long after the days of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, Elijah, the prophet, fled from the wrath of Jezebel the wife of Ahab.

"And Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose and went for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongeth of Judah, and left his servant there also."

And here it was that Elijah had that providential banquet of "cake baken on the coals and a cruse of water at his head."

In long after years the Romans established a garrison at Beersheba, and the ruins that exist today date from that period. Later it appears to have been the site of a bishopric of the early Christian days, and remains of the churches still were standing in the Fourteenth Century.

A County Seat Now

The Beersheba of today is a sort of "county seat," the center of a neighborhood of about 1,500 inhabitants, a railroad station, a post and telegraph office, having one main street with a few stores. It lies, according to a recent traveler, "just beyond the border where permanent cultivation is possible without irrigation. Under present conditions, a large town like that indicated by the ruins would scarcely grow up, unless radically new methods of agriculture were introduced. Now, as in ancient times, the seven wells are used only to furnish drinking water. There are signs of progress, however, for a pump, run by gasoline, has been established by the government at once of the wells. It is operated two hours a day and pumps enough water for the eight hundred inhabitants of the town."

Around about the town are drifts of yellow desert sands, as in the days of Ishmael, piled to a height of ten or twenty feet. Hills of these sands, formed by the western winds, are covered with short grass and bushes, between which rude little patches of cultivated grounds are to be found.

The Next Generation

A war-poem recently expressed the observation of an old inhabitant of heaven on seeing the mass of new-comers stream up from the battle-fields. "They must be rich in men down there," he mused, and wondered at the fine young fellows that could be spared. But the countries who make the sacrifices are appalled at their coming poverty, and, in their efforts to replace the lost, all sorts of old laws and traditions, human and divine, are going by the board. England has been a land of difficult, almost impossible, divorce, but now the problem seems to be to make it easy. One of the best-known legal authorities on divorce is quoted by the London Daily Telegraph as urging that "every legal facility be granted" in order that married people living apart may have "no excuse for avoiding the national duty of parenthood." He asserts that "at the present time a million men and women in this country are separated by justices' orders, and tens of thousands are living apart owing to domestic infelicity." In two days, it is stated, over three hundred applications for divorce were made to the Poor Persons' Department of the High Court of Justice. The great proportion of the applicants are said to be men, and the majority are soldiers whose wives, they allege, have been unfaithful during their absence. The secretary is quoted to this effect:

"The number of applications is daily increasing. In the first six months of this year we had 14,000 appeals for assistance, of which between 500 and 600 have been granted, and the cases are now being proceeded with. There are no fees payable, but every applicant must find the solicitor's out-of-pocket expenses and expenses incidental to witnesses. If witnesses are not brought from a long distance the whole proceedings from beginning to end do not cost more than £10, and some cases may be completed for as low as £6. Before we take up a case we must be satisfied that the applicant is really poor. No one earning more than £3 a week should apply to us."

Information in a telegram from Rome, which may or may not be accurate, speaks of pamphlets widely circulated among German troops by the military authorities in which a sort of polygamy is urged under the general title, "Lateral Marriage: the Only Means for the Formation of a New Powerful Armed Force and for Ennoblement of Morality." The New York Evening Sun comments on the information thus obtained:

"In one pamphlet forwarded to Rome explicit exhortation is addressed to married women, 'in the interest of the Fatherland,' to 'obtain the necessary permission from their husbands to contract lateral marriages, based upon personal inclination, with married men who in turn must obtain their wives' consent.' It is added that these lateral marriages, whose object is to increase the birthrate and 'mitigate conditions brought about by the war,' can be 'dissolved after children are born.' The Vatican, not unnaturally, is indignant over such a proposal, and is preparing to denounce it."

In France an aspect of the question of repopulation carries the bitter reminder of the sufferings endured at the hands of the invader. It has been found necessary to organise a Society for the Protection of Children in the Liberated Regions; and this will have to deal with children of French mothers and German fathers. As more and more territory is recovered Fance finds herself face to face with a new German invasion. She is stirred to action by protests of French soldiers similar to one published last August in Le Figaro (Paris):

"A disabled soldier went to meet his wife and child, who had been lost to him for three years in one of the occupied departments. He found not one, but two children in his home, the second a baby under two years. The soldier's letter is a cry to France to save the poor remnant of his happiness. His wife he will take back, he says; it was not her fault. But never, as long as he lives, will he return home while 'that Boche' is under his roof."

The matter dealt with in the New York Times presents these alternatives:

"What is to be done with these baby invaders? Shall they grow up without a country, perhaps to strike a new blow at the civilisation which cast them off? Shall the mothers have to choose between keeping them, and by so doing put out again the rekindled home-fires, or give them up as outcasts? Shall the 'intrus,' as they are called, be herded in institutions with other foundlings and left in ignorance of their origin?"

The new society for reclamation has for its president Princess Murat, a descendant of Marshal Ney, whose youngest son, a boy of nineteen, gave his life for France. The Princess speaks thus to the Times interviewer, who went to see the crèche at Chambly:

"Since the war left me the power to help others I looked about to find the greatest need. The problem of housing and feeding in the devastated territory was so well taken care of—thanks to America's generosity—that I turned my attention to the little abandoned children whose mothers had died or been carried off, or had gone back of their own accord with the invader—some of them chose that rather than face their husbands. Alone I could have done very little, but I soon found collaborators, and . . we have now two asylums. . . . . .

"Our plan is to take the babies and care for them in our crèche until we can find good homes for them with peasant families. We pay the mothers so much a week for looking after them. Already a number of them have been placed. We want these children to grow up French, and to be French they must belong to France and feel that France belongs to them. Are they not half French already. If you take a horse from the south and set him down in the north, where he eats the food of the north and breathes the air of the north, he becomes like the horses of the north. So these children shall be French—good French peasants."

Their number is not small, according to the Princess Murat:

"They are being born every day in the departments of the Somme, the Aisne, and the Oise. And that does not take into account those in the provinces which we have still to win back.

"At first we planned to confine our work to the Oise, but the need was so pressing that we have taken over the Somme and the Aisne as well. The mothers bring the babies to Noyon, where Baron Henri Rothschild has a rescue station. There they are packed in boxes like little chickens and sent to us. Sometimes they are not more than two days old.

"Of course, the children are not all 'Boches.' Some are French children, born after their fathers went away. We have older children as well, whose mothers have died or deserted them. These also we place in families. Our plan is to mix them all together, so that only we shall know their origin. Naturally, if any mothers want to keep track of their children, even to see them, we shall make it possible."

This glimpse of the crèche at Chambly, particularly of the wards where older children are kept, is afforded us:

"After visiting the babies, the little unconscious jetsam of the monster tidal wave, we went into the children's room. There, around the low table, in the midst of sunshine and pleasant surroundings, the conscious jetsam sit in their little chairs. They look neat and well cared for, and are beginning to show the results of feeding. The blooded cows which we saw grazing in the park supply them with milk. But they seem to have been born without the instinct of play. Each one holds a doll in its listless hands. They do not move about, nor look at each other, nor utter a sound, except to cry when some one speaks to them too abruptly.

"Some of them are sweet-faced, even pretty. There is Maria du Billard, so called because she was found on billiard-table. There is little Marguerité Juillet, who arrived in July. One was left on a train. Not one but has lived a tragedy. And in some strange way they seem to know it, like little pale reflections of their mother's anguish. Upon them all is a look of blight.

"How much would you say a child of two could suffer? Before you answer you must meet the eyes of little Paul—baby eyes which brood and brood over some remembered horror, and can not forget. Neither will you forget when you have seen them. If all else were forgiven to the evil author of this war, that look of Paul's should 'hurl his soul from heaven.'

"'They are different from other babies, you see,' said the Princess, 'and see, how plainly you can tell the "Boches." But, no!' she added, quickly, 'they are all French!'

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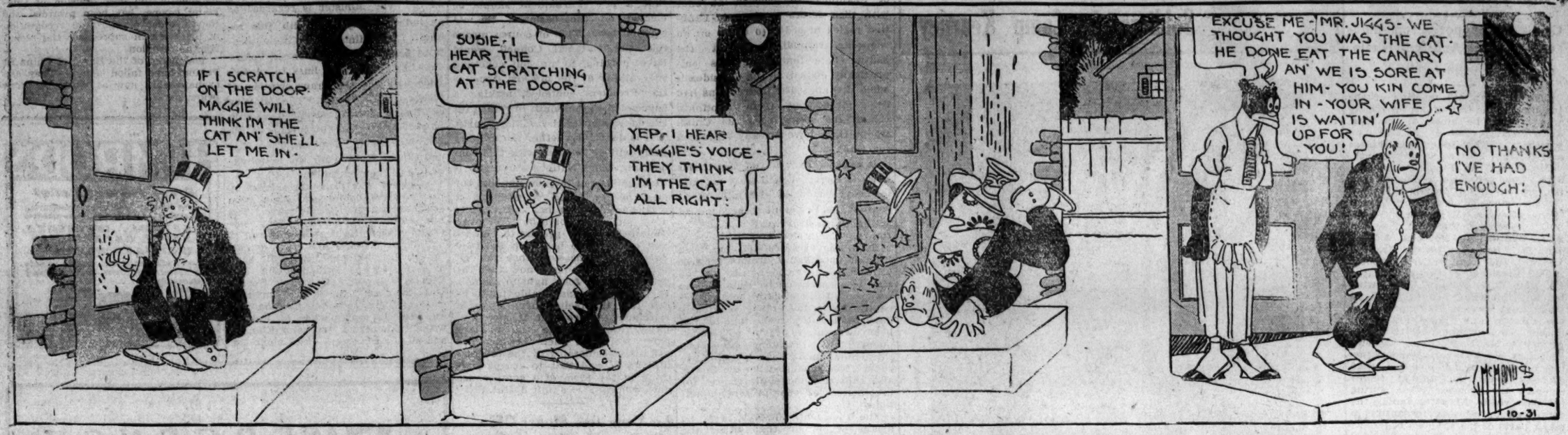
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Shelters And Disguises For The Soldiers — By Woods Hutchinson

Although war has settled down to the permanence and solidity of equipment of a business enterprise or great engineering undertaking, its picturesqueness has not wholly departed from it. Some little remains of it are still to be found in the impromptu and temporary shelters to which the soldier has to resort under special circumstances.

Although tents have generally been replaced by substantial wooden barracks, with windows and stoves and real walls on which you can hang things, instead of damp, floppy canvas, the tent is still useful under emergencies and special conditions. In some of the armies, particularly during the Summer months, as much as a third or a fourth of the troops are still under canvas.

In the Italian war zone, for instance, tents still dot the hillsides and whiten the valleys in large numbers, because in the clear, hot, almost rainless Italian Summer the tent furnishes quite a comfortable shelter, and the bulk of the armies go back to their barracks and billets in the villages of the plain during the Winter months, when torrential rains and heavy snows make campaigning up in the mountains impossible..

The tents "whiten" the landscape, however, only in a purely Pickwickian sense, partly because they are themselves of various neutral colors, and partly on account of the brush and cut branches of trees with which they are covered and screened and "camouflaged" against the eyes of hostile aircraft. The soldier, in fact, has had to go back to the ancient woodcraft of the birds and the insects and the animals, study the art of protective coloration, and learn to fade into the landscape like a snake under a bush or a sand-piper on her nest.

Everything that lives and moves in the war zone has to be frescoed and splashed and painted in the most extraordinary fashion. Instead of neutral grays and earth colors, all the colors of the rainbow are splashed on the "canvas" except red, and in great sharp-edged blotches and daubs, as if a huge brush had been loaded dripping full of color and then "sploshed" down on the surface.

The effect at first sight is something astounding, half grotesque, half sinister, with a strong touch of the infantile about it; the colors fairly hit you in the eye and the result is curiously reptilian, like the vivid markings of the snake and the salamander, or the blotchings on the toad's back and sides "Inconspicuous" is the last term that one would think of applying to them, but half an hour later you are rolling along the smooth military road, looking at the landscape, and your eye casually falls upon what seems to be a clump of bushes on the edge of a field, or low spur of brushwood projecting out from the border of the woods or a rough hump on a broken hillside, and is about to pass on to something else, when an odd line of sparkle catches it, something seems to go click in the back of your head and you find yourself staring open-eyed straight at a huge twelve-inch gun in its shelter of brushwood and wire netting, or a thinly-screened ammunition dump or the shack that houses a brigade headquarters.

Even the shells themselves in the outer layers of the piles are decorated and splotched in the same generous and vivid style of coloring which we used to apply to the animals of our drawing books in happy days in the nursery. It may be grotesque, but it works, "get there," and delivers the goods, in our Western phrase.

As a matter of fact, camouflage, or maskerata, as the Italians call it, has been carefully worked out and reduced to a science by eminent French and English artists, and is carried out systematically by a special army department, with scores of factories under its control for turning out the paints, the materials and the fabrics used. As it was used first in France, the French term camouflage, which means screening, masking or stage-scenery, has been adopted for it, and the Italian "maskerata," as its form implies, means practically the same thing. The term has passed into army speech or slang as a favorite and convenient synonym for humbug or pretentious appearance with little behind it—"Oh, that's just camouflage," or "he's mainly camouflage," or "camoufle lui!"

Thousands upon thousands of miles of a peculiar sort of openwork burlap or gunny-sacking, sometimes with thin wires woven through it, and openworked and patterned in various colors, have been manufactured. It must not be solid-woven like canvas, for that reflects the sunlight like a board screen and marks out the road superbly for the German gunners. The result is patterns and open scroll work of all sorts, ludicrously resembling a popular brand of Summer window curtains and hangings.

The Italians, with their quick adaptability and shrewd economical sense, use great mats of long reeds from the lagoons, which are a perfect literal "dead grass" color and extremely durable and cheap.

This is used not merely for concealing gun emplacements and draping tent and covering the roofs of buildings and ammunition dumps, but also hung like curtains to screen the roads which are subject to shell fire.

Most of your motoring within six or eight miles of the trenches is done along roads completely sheltered on their exposed side by a continuous ten-foot screen or curtain of this wire-supported camouflage hung along from tree to tree, or past to post. Some roads, especially in hilly country, are screened on both sides, and in the mountains where the enemy has guns mounted on all the peaks, strips of screening are drawn at frequent intervals over the top as well, so that you drive through a sort of camouflage tunnel.

The main aim of camouflage appears to be to avoid all sharp angles, or straight, continuous lines. The walls of a building must appear continuous with the ground, by reed and fan and snake-like markings, an effect which can be roughly but admirably produced by local talent by simply taking a bucketful of coloring sticking a broom into it and splashing vigorously upward, and repeating the process every ten feet. I have frequently seen limy road mud used temporarily for such frescoing with excellent effect.

The roof lines and ridge of a building must fade into the surrounding hills or neighboring trees, or, as seen from above by an airman, into the ground. This, combined with the fact that when the observer is moving rapidly, as in an aeroplane, or a motor, or, to take a familiar instance, in a train, adjacent colors merge into and "kill" one another, so that the eye does not see separate colors, even when quite vivid, but only the "wash" result, dissolves camouflaged tents and guns and buildings into one general formless blur.

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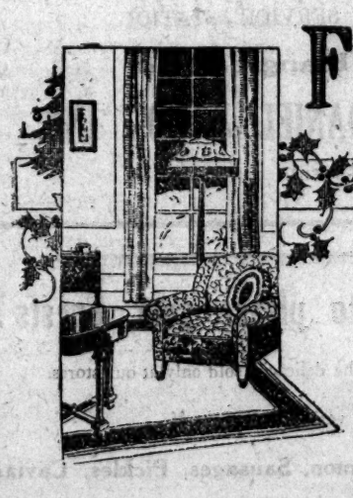

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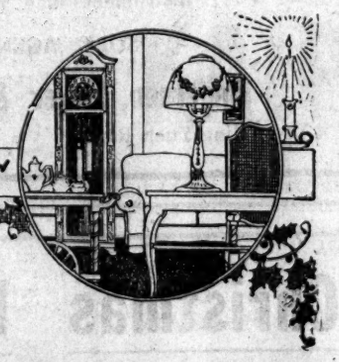

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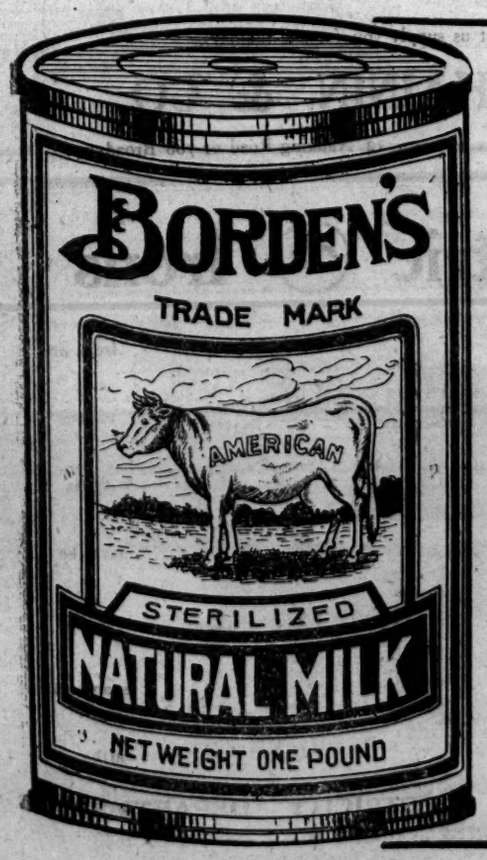

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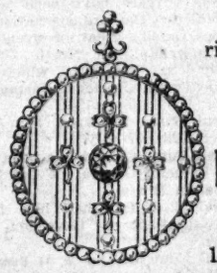

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The President of the society, the Rt. Rev. H. J. Molony, D.D., owing to an important engagement at Hangchow, was unable to preside at the meeting and the chair, in his absence, was occupied by the Vice-president, Mr. S. K. Tsao. General Secretary Zee Vee-wei, after presenting a statement of accounts, read extracts from the annual report showing the progress made during the past year. Notwithstanding the continued unrest and insecurity in many parts of the Chinese Republic, the society was able to report a very successful year's work.

The Secretary reported that a sum of $8,706.41 had been paid out for printing and that the sales for the year had reached $6,955.96. The circulation amounted to 7,654,003 pages. The income from all sources was $18,729.80 and the expenditure $16,208.11.

One pleasing feature in connection with the society's finance was the continued support from Chinese churches and individuals, some of the larger gifts coming from such distant places as Australia, Canada or Borneo. The total received from this source during the past year amounted to $807.41 making a grand total for the last three years of $5,707.65.

Another interesting item reported was the grant of 500 sets of "The Minister's Library" to pastors, ordained preachers and reading rooms. The society was indebted to the Milton Stewart Evangelistic Fund, so ably administered by the Revs. W. E. and J. H. Blackstone, for a grant of G.$2,500.00 which enabled them to present a complete set of Commentaries on the Old and New Testament, a Bible Dictionary and a Topical Index—50 volumes in all—to 500 pastors and others for the small sum of $1.00 to cover postage. The Secretary reported the receipt of several hundreds of letters expressing the grateful thanks of pastors and ordained ministers for this most valuable addition to their scanty libraries.

For the first time in its history the society was able to report that through the kindness of the China Inland Mission and the generosity of the Religious Tract Society, London, they were able, during the past year, to secure the services of an editorial secretary practically free of charge.

The society also were grateful to the General Secretary, Mr. Zee Vee-wai, for his unselfish voluntary services rendered during another year.

A hearty vote of thanks to the kind hostess of the day, Mrs. Darroch, and the honorary auditor, Mr. J. W. Dovey, closed the meeting.

Apollo Gets Fine Films

Joy for the movie fans is contained in the news that four of the most successful long-film dramas of recent American production are due for exhibitions at the Apollo Theater beginning next Thursday.

These are dramatisations of four of the most popular novels of the past few years, at least three of which have also been successfully staged. They are "The Crisis," Winston Churchill's great story of the American Civil War; Robert Hichens' famous romantic spectacle of the Sahara, "The Garden of Allah;" Rex Beach's Alaskan story, "The Spoilers;" and the same author's stirring romance of the Panama Canal, "The Ne'er Do Well."

These productions run from nine to twelve reels in length and feature some of the best known and most popular artists of American filmdom and stage. They are the work of the Selig • Polyscope Company, staged and directed by the greatest directors in the screen-play business. Each production will run for four nights only, beginning with "The Crisis" December 27. Booking is to be had at the Robinson Piano Co.

Fund For Devastated Villages In France

Herewith a list of the subscriptions received up to date by the Banque de l'Indo-Chine for the fund for War Devastated Villages in France (villages from which the German invaders recently have been driven):

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Rev. Billy Sunday Enthuses Soldiers At Camp Kearney

The Rev. Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist, putting across one of his strong points in a sermon to the boys in training at Camp Kearney, Linda Vista, Cal. Billy used an American flag to emphasise his remarks. The boys caught the spirit of his address and the evangelist was frequently interrupted by ringing cheers and hurrahs.

Peking Attitude To South Obscure But Desperate

President Denies Yielding To Militant Tuchuns But Troops Are Moving

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 19.—The intentions of the Central Government towards the South are most obscure. Negotiations are still proceeding either directly between President Feng Kuo-chang and General Lu Yung-ting or through the Military Governor of Kiangsu, yet at the same time the Tuchuns of Chihli and Shantung, who have been appointed Commanders-in-Chief of the Government Forces, have been ordered to lead their troops into Hunan, the former via Hankow and the latter via Nanking and Kiangsi, and several hundereds of cars have been commandered for the transportation of the troops, causing great inconvenience to the merchants in North China, especially in Tientsin, which is threatened with a serious shortage of coal.

General Tuan Chi-kwei has been appointed Minister of War.

General Tuan Chi-jui has been appointed Director-General of the War Participation Bureau.

General Liu Tsun-hao has been appointed Military Governor of Szechuen.

General Tuan Chi-jui is at present at the Health resort at Tongshan. It is very doubtful whether he will accept his new position.

A telegram from Hankow reports that the Yunnan and Kweichow troops in Szechuen captured Nachi on the 15th, while Yungchwan and Pishan, where the garrisons are very weak, are threatened.

The Central Government has received a telegram from the Occupation Commissioner at Nanyang, in Honan, announcing that General Li Tien-chai, Commander of the 1st Hupeh Division stationed at Siangyang, has declared his independence. The latter states that the step he has taken is necessary in order to avoid trouble, as Siangyang is contiguous to Chinchow, where General Shih Hsin-chuan recently declared independence.

Troops Already on Way To Attack the Southwest

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Peking, December 17.—The situation with regard to the South is becoming more and more desperate. The President is still reluctant to take strong action, while the tuchuns of the Northern provinces are almost unanimous for a great forward military movement. According to this morning's Chinese papers the President yesterday ordered General Tsao, Tuchun of Chihli, and General Chang, Tuchun of Shantung, to proceed at once with their forces to the mid-Yangtsze region in order to carry on an energetic campaign against the South. Late tonight it was emphatically denied at the President's office that any such instructions had been given; but from Paotingfu comes the news that the Chihli troops there have already entrained for Hankow.

It is generally believed that if this news is correct a deliberate attempt is being made by the military to commit the President to a course of action which he is very reluctant to follow. The President has strongly resisted the pressure that has been brought upon him to adopt a warlike attitude towards the South, and he has been particularly reluctant to take such steps of late, because recently his critics have sedulously disseminated the idea that he has been brought to favor a "strong" policy. The President has been throughout anxious, if possible, to effect a compromise with the South, and thus to remove all excuse for protraction of the present conditions.

The President, however, is by no means of opinion that either the South or the North has been entirely reasonable. The lines of a compromise, honorable to both sides, were laid down by him some time ago, but neither is prepared to fall in with his suggestions. The latest phase of the negotiations appears to be that a deadlock has been reached on the subject of the recall of Parliament. The President, while personally favoring the recall of the dismissed Parliament, or at least not being opposed to its recall, is fully aware that the military party, who must be considered if a settlement is to be reached, will not give the suggestion a moment's thought. He therefore suggests that, as a concession to them, the old Parliament should not be recalled, but that a new Parliament should be elected on the basis of the old election law. This of course means that the National Council would have nothing to do, but conceded the validity of the old law, thus, as the President contends, making a concession to the South in return for the concession to the military party.

It is doubtful whether the military party will be satisfied with this concession. The National Council is their child, and they do not like the idea of its being snuffed out of existence before it has had time to draw an even breath. Moreover, they believe, or profess to believe, that compromise has been the fatal mistake in China ever since October, 1911, and they feel now that the time has come for a fight to a finish. It may with considerable truth be said that the feeling here is that a settlement by consent is most unlikely, especially as the military party feel that their prestige has suffered considerably by the reverses in Hunan, and that to accept anything in the form of a compromise now would be to admit defeat.

Lu Yung-ting Makes Offer Of Peace to Feng, Is Report

The Peking political situation becomes more critical as the views of the militant Tuchuns and those of the peace advocates become more pronounced. According to Chinese reports, Inspector-General Lu Yung-ting has telegraphed to President Feng that the two Kwang provinces are willing to cancel their independence and again take orders from Peking. The concession, it is reported, was made with the endorsement of former Tuchun Chen Ping-ken. The message asks for the issuance of a mandate ordering an armistice.

The Tuchuns, on the other hand, demand Feng to order the immediate resumption of hostilities. The appointment of General Tuan Chi-kwei as the War Minister is regarded as an indirect compliance with this request. The Ministry of Communications has ordered the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Hankow lines to reserve 2,400 cars for the transportation of troops for the South. The Ministry of Finance Tuesday advanced the sum of $1,200,000 out of the surplus of the salt revenue to Generals Tsao Kun and Chang Hui-chi for the initial expenses of their expedition.

Supposed war plans formulated by the Tientsin conference have been published by the Chinese press. The fighting units will consist of four complete divisions, eight regiments and 15 battalions, divided into two expeditions. The first expedition will have Hankow as its headquarters and Paotingfu, Chihli; Chechow, Honan, and Siaokan, Hupeh, as military stations. The second expedition will establish its headquarters at Pukow, with Kiukiang and Nanchang, Kiangsi, and all the important cities along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway as military stations.

General Tung Pao-hsuan, commander of the first division of Chekiang troops, has been awarded the fourth order of merit in recognition of his work in supressing the recent Ningpo rebellion.

The notes of the Bank of China in Peking have fallen again. They are exchangeable now at forty per cent below par.

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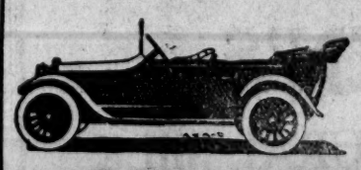
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EXPEL TEUTON ENVOYS FROM UNITED STATES

Von Luxburg Among Officials Being Shipped Away From New York

DIPLOMATS FROM CHINA

Going To Sweden In Hope That U-Boats Will Not Make Mistake

By Albert W. Fox
(*Washington Post*)

Washington, November 4.—An imposing array of German and Austrian diplomats, propagandists and secret agents is being quietly gathered from distant points and escorted under government supervision to New York, where the entire party will be placed aboard, the Scandinavian liner Bergensjford and sent back to Germany and Austria via Sweden. Details for the trip will be completed within two weeks and the steamer will sail within this time.

The distinguished list of deported aliens includes a number who have been virtually interned in San Francisco since early in October.

Many come from China and some from South America. Safe conduct for them has been granted by the British, French and American governments.

Luxburg From Buenos Aires

Foremost perhaps in point of notoriety will be Count von Luxburg, the German minister in Buenos Aires, whose "spurlos versenkt" message formed a feature of the voluminous secret cipher correspondence he conducted with his government through the connivance of the Swedish foreign office.

Count von Luxburg will go aboard the steamer with the memories of his experiences at Martin Garcia Island, Argentina, fresh in his mind.

He is understood to be wrathful over the "indignities" he suffered which ill befitted his station at foremost secret diplomatic intriguer of his imperial majesty, the kaiser.

But he will doubtless hope that no German U-boat makes a mistake and sinks his ship without leaving any trace of himself or the other numerous passengers including women and children on their way back to Germany and Austria.

Others in The Party

Count von Luxburg's chief companion may be Dr. George Barthelme, former Washington correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, whose made-in-German peace propaganda caused the United States government to deport him.

As both Count von Luxburg and Dr. Barthelme were secret tools of the Wilhelmstrasse and close friends of Count von Bernstorff they should have interesting information to compare.

Consul General Hubert Knipping, whose efforts to promote German intrigue in China were said to be flourishing until the whole German game was exposed, will also be a passenger. He is understood to have information concerning the "ingratitude of the Chinese," who failed to appreciate the sincere friendship of German officialdom, which sought to promote friction between China and Japan.

More Experts From China

Vice Consul Kurt Von Tippelskirch, Interpreter Kurt Schirmer and Chancellor Herman Gatzen, all experts in the art of German propaganda in the Far East, are likewise going back to the Fatherland to tell their superiors all about the injustice done to Germany by persons who interfered with their game.

Dr. Anton Arnold will return to tell the Wilhelmstrasse how well he was progressing as expert financial adviser to the Chinese government before German kultur came into disfavor.

In his role as financial adviser he was able to arouse particular suspicion against every Japanese or American or entente financial project, and explain to the Chinese how these nations contemplated using financial matters as a means of despoiling the Chinese empire.

Were Busy At Tientsin

Should there be any doubt as to the accuracy of charges of ingratitude which Dr. Arnold makes against China it will be only necessary for passengers aboard the Bengensjford to consult Dr. A. von Rosthorn for corroboration.

Dr. von Rosthorn was Austrian Minister to China and took means of finding out every scrap of information which could be used against the entente and the United States at Peking. And Peking is in one sense a fertile field for intrigue and diplomatic gossip.

Besides these Teuton propagandists in China played a little game at Tientsin which worked wonderfully well until it was found out.

Suggested Educators' Truce

At Tientsin there is the great Chinese University of Peiyang which is one of the most up to date universities in the world and includes on its staff American, British, French, German, Italian and Chinese instructors.

The foreign concessions near the Chinese city of Tientsin were divided up into French, British, German, Italian concessions, &c., with schools for each and clubs, &c.

The families of the professors at the university lived in the respective settlements, and there was a certain spirit of fraternisation despite the war.

The Germans, noting this, suggested that a sort of truce be maintained by the various nationalities at Tientsin.

Not wishing to embarrass the Germans or Austrians the Americans, British and French treated the Germans well and sought so far as possible not to let the war act as a social barrier.

It was noted recently that the Germans made particular efforts to remain on friendly confidential terms with other nationals.

It then developed to the surprise of the unsuspecting British and French, that Germans at Tientsin were using every scrap of information they could gather for the benefit of Berlin.

The so-called social truce was being made a war weapon by the Germans and their courtesy and politeness were all part of the Teuton camouflage.

Under Close Observation

R. Weinzeti, a prominent Austrian of Chinese propaganda past experience; L. Bauer, Baron von Babo, F. Kuenzel, A. Lindenmayer, Dr. Karl Bernauer, Adolph Kunz, F. Winkler, F. Mitura, L. Peter, K. J. Hora, M. Kars, A. Bajor, H. Steinbacker, and F. J. Kell are other Austrians on the list of the Bengensjford's prospective passengers.

While these aliens are in New York it will be necessary to keep close supervision over their movements.

With few exceptions they are the type of men whose idea of duty calls for the sacrifice of all private considerations to further intrigues of the kaiser.

Difficult To Get A Ship

Although China broke relations with Germany several months ago it has not been an easy problem to get Germans back from the country. The delay in transporting these Germans and Austrians has been primarily due to the inability of the government to obtain ship accommodation for them. They reached San Francisco early in October, and have been kept under surveillance ever since. It has been arranged that they should not start East until just in time to reach New York before the date of the steamer sailing.

As soon as it was decided to release two of the Scandinavian ships that had been held up in American ports by the embargo it was arranged to take the party over on board the Bergensjford.

The trip will be made by way of Norway and Sweden a stop being made at Halifax for examination by the British authorities.

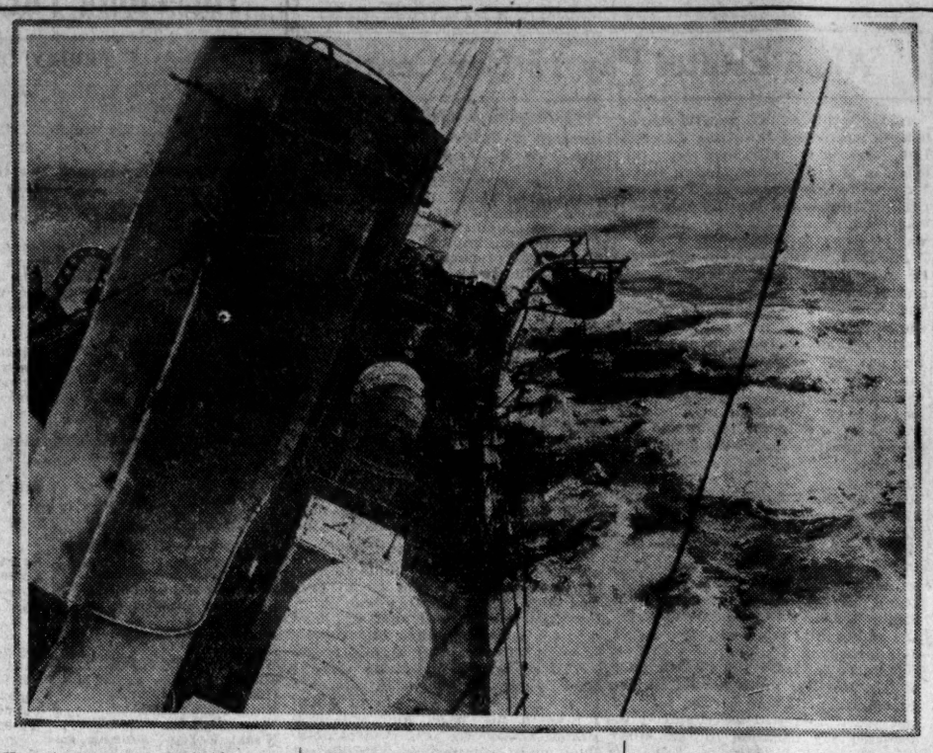
Examination at Halifax

This examination at Halifax is certain to be a feature of the trip. It represents the pitting of British secret service brains against the most expert intriguers of the German government.

The British must be sure that secret information is not concealed by the Germans and must check efforts of the Teutons to smuggle information through in the guise of harmless matter.

It took the authorities at Halifax a week to examine the steamer that Count von Bernstorff took back to Germany. It may take even longer to examine the Bergensjford's passengers.

A Destroyer 'Somewhere In The Atlantic'



Here is a most remarkable photograph showing a destroyer of the United States Navy, taken somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean. It emphasises one of the dangers that these boats have to contend with aside from an attack by one of the enemy ships.

The sea is extremely rough, and it seems that the destroyer will be on her beam ends in another moment. Everything is, of course, tightened down, but, no matter how stormy the weather may be, the "watch" is maintained with customary efficiency. This picture was taken under great difficulties and is remarkable for its clearness. The lifeboats, as you will observe, are swung out, and every precaution is taken to safeguard the lives of the crew of the destroyer.

MEGATA TELLS SUNDAY SCHOOL ABOUT BUSHIDO

And The Baron Hopes The New York Children Will Be Strong When Grown

New York, December 10.—As planned by Mr. Heine of the World's Sunday Schools Association Messrs. Frank Brown, secretary, and H. R. Harris of the Association accompanied Baron Megata to the Bushwik Avenue Sunday School today. The School was beautifully decorated with American and Japanese flags. In a prayer the superintendent asked for the success of Baron Megata's mission. By a recently inaugurated custom children of different ages held their flags aloft and pledged their allegiance and loyalty in a great spirit of patriotism to the Republic. The children also clasped both hands on their heads to manifest the friendship of Japan and America.

Baron Megata addressed the school saying that he hoped these children would grow into strong, splendid men and women and that they would visit Japan to see a like patriotism there, based on Bushido, especially pointing out its principle of protecting the weak against the wicked and strong.

The principle of the modern Red Cross was to be found in Bushido, such as the protection of non-combatants, as for example, at the battle of Sekigahara, when Iyeyasu paid for the paper umbrellas used in protecting the wounded from the sun.

Baron Megata also said that the common people and religious places were not molested, and contrasted this with the German practice.

MILITARY BALLOON AMOK

Wichita, Kansas, December 4.—A United States military balloon, breaking away from its anchorage here today, set sail across the country to the southward trailing a heavy steel cable. The cable, hanging from the car of the balloon is destroying wires along its path. According to latest information the balloon is headed for Oklahoma.

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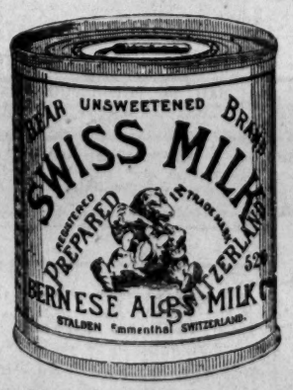

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Kroewoek Java	Tls. 16
Padang	Tls. 12½ B.
Pengkalan Durian ..	Tls. 8½
Permata	Tls. 3
Repah	Tls. 0.90 B.
Samagagas	Tls. 0.80 B.
Seekee	Tls. 6
Semambu	Tls. 1.10 B.
Senawang	Tls. 12
Shanghai Klebang ..	Tls. 0.92½
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7
S'hai Malay-pref	Tls. 11.10
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1¼ B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.55
Sungei Duri	Tls. 9
Sua Manggis	Tls. 6¾
S'hai Kalantan	Tls. 77½ cts.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 75 cts.
Taiping	Tls. 1¼ B.
Tanah Merah	Tls. 0.97½
Tebong	Tls. 17½
Ulobri	Tls. 2½
Ziangbe	Tls. 4½ B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 110
Culty Dairy	Tls. 9 S.
S'hai Elec and Asb ..	$2
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 66 B.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 24
Horse Bazaar	Tls. 33
Shanghai Mercury ...	Tls. 30
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 78 S.
S'hai Waterworks ..	Tls. 187½

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Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

Money and Bullion

	Tls.
Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate	
@ 105¼=Tls.	95.01
@ 72.6=Mex.	$130.87
Mex. Dollars Market rate ...	72.35
Dragon Dollars: native bank rate	
	Tls. .11
S'hai Gold Bars: 978 touch	Tls. 2.80
Bar Silver	Tls. 280
Copper Cash ..... per tael	177.8
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 4/4d.=Tls.	4.62
exch. @ 72.6=Mex.	$6.36
Peking Bar	Tls.
Native Interest	.04

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	43d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of discount:—	72.4
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex. Paris on London ....Fr.	27.52
Ex. N. Y. on London ....T.T.	$476⅛
Consols ..... £	—

Exchange Opening Quotations

London	T.T.	4/4
London	Demand	4/4⅛
India	(nominal) T.T.	303½
Paris	T.T.	591½
Paris	Demand	563½
New York	T.T.	103½
New York	Demand	98⅝
Hongkong	T.T.	69½
Japan	T.T.	50
Batavia	T.T.	236⅛

Banks Buying Rates

London	4 m-s. Cdts. 4/6d.
London	4 m-s. Docy. 4/6⅛d.
London	6 m-s. Cdts. 4/6⅛d.
London	6 m-s. Docy. 4/6⅛d.
Paris	4 m-s. 619
New York	4 m-s. 107⅝

Customs House Exchange States For December

Hk. Tls 4.36 @ 4/1⅛		£1
„ 1 @ 565½ =	Francs	6.30
„ 1 No quotation	Marks	†5.14
„ 0.92 @ 97⅛	Gold	$1
„ 1 @ 52⅛	Yen	2.12
„ 1 @ 15	Rupees	3.44
„ 1 @ 350†	Rubles	9.47
„ 1 @ 1.50	Mex.	$1.50

† Nominal.

Stock Exchange

Transactions

Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Official

Kungyik Cotton Tls. 15.75
Laou Kunk Mow Cotton Tls. 65.00
Laou Kung Mow Cotton Tls. 65.00
Langkats Tls. 14.00
Yangtszepoo Cotton (Ord) Tls. 6.80
Yangtszepoo Cotton (Ord) Tls. 6.85
Anglo Javas Tls. 8.25
Almas Tls. 9.50
Consolidated Tls. 2.35
Padangs Tls. 12.75
Shanghai Tugs (Pref.) Tls. 40.00

INDIAN COUNCIL BILLS

Reuter's Service

London, December 19.—Tenders for Indian Council Bills and deferred transfers were:—

Highest price 1s. 5d.
Tenders at 1s. 5d.
Receive 17%.
Highest price 1s. 4 29/32d.
Tenders at 1s. 4 29/32d.
Receive 17%.
Total amount sold during the week, Rs. 4.000.000.
Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 4.000.000.

SHELL TRANSPORT CO.

We are informed that the Shell Transport and Trading Co. London, have declared an Interim Dividend of Two Shillings per share free of income tax, which is payable on January 5, 1918.

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Freight And Coal Market

Messrs. Wheelock and Co. write as follows in their weekly report of December 20:—

Our Freight market to America via Pacific has been very active since last writing and there is more cargo offering than the various lines can handle—the mail lines composing the Transpacific Freight Bureau have all they can do and the two extra "outside" boats for December loading have easily filled their allotments at Gold $50 a ton and in some cases, we understand, even Gold $60 a ton has been paid.

Coastwise:—The coasting trade has been rather affected of late by the political unrest in China particularly in the South where the troubles at Swatow have greatly restricted business but latest reports from there indicate a brighter outlook and a resumption of normal business very shortly.

Tientsin is closed at the moment owing to insufficient water at Taku Bar; the demand from Yangtsze River Ports continues brisk.

For the United Kingdom:—The s.s. Tamba Maru and s.s. Kanagawa Maru are the next boats to load for Liverpool and London respectively, but sailing dates must be obtained from the agents.

For New York via Panama:—This berth is getting very congested with cargo but so far the Conference is unable to say when the next steamer will be able to load owing to the scarcity of tonnage and Government requisitioning.

Japan Coal:—Since last writing our local market has strengthened considerably but the Chinese dealers are rather afraid of making forward contracts on account of the heavy arrivals latterly; this large increase in the number of arrivals during the past five or six weeks is explained by the fact that Importers are trying to deliver, before the end of the year, as much as possible of their contracts due to Consumers for 1917.

Stocks of coal in all the Japanese Shipping Ports are at a minimum and we understand that some of the coal-steamers have been obliged to undertake voyages with general cargo in order to fill in time elsewhere.

Tonnage is still very scarce and a further rise in freights seems to be inevitable.

Fushun Coal:—No change.

Kaiping Coal:—A strong market still exists for the better grade coals. Most of 1918 contracts have been concluded at prices very much above those paid this year, and although owing to the closing of the Northern and Yangtsze ports, steamers are at the moment slightly cheaper than formerly, there is every prospect of very high freights again in the Spring.

London Rubber Market

Reuter's Service

London, December 19.—Today's rubber prices were:—

Plantation First Latex Crepe:
Spot: 2s. 4¾d. Paid.
April to June: 2s. 6½d. Value.
Tendency of Market: Steady.
Previous Quotation, London, Dec. 18:—
Spot: 2s. 3½d. Paid.
April to June: 2s. 6½d. Paid.
Tendency of Market: Steady.

Messrs. Hugo Reiss and Co., have received the following telegraphic quotations from Messrs. Kimmel and Co., London, dated 19th instant.

"Spot price standard quality Ribbed Smoked Sheet, 2s. 4½d.; Spot price standard quality First Crepe, 2s. 4¾d.; Market steady but quiet, tendency steady, ex warehouse (Singapore), 1s. 9½d."

Shanghai Tramways

The following is the Traffic Return of the Shanghai Tramways (Foreign Settlement) for the week ended December 19, 1917, with figures for the corresponding week last year:—

	1917.	1916.
Gross Receipts ..	$30,966.54	$31,249.39
Loss by currency depreciation	6,643.77	6,301.68
Effective Receipts.	$24,322.77	$24,947.71
Percentage of loss by currency depreciation	22.73	21.35
Car Miles run	73,622	79,183
Passengers carried.	1,409,148	1,414,712

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THE MANAGEMENT.

Alma Estates Pay 15 Per Cent

At the eighth annual general shareholders meeting of the Alma Estates, Ltd., yesterday afternoon at the offices of the secretaries, Messrs. Hugo Reiss and Co., a final dividend of 5 per cent, making 15 per cent for the year, was declared and Mr. N. G. Maitland was re-elected a director.

Mr. E. T. Byrne presided, supported by Messrs. N. G. Maitland, R. S. Ivy and J. H. Osborne, directors. There were altogether 15,973 shares represented.

Mr. Stewart, secretary of the meeting, having read the customary opening notice and the auditors' report the chairman addressed the shareholders as follows: "With your permission I will as usual take the report and accounts for the year ended September 30, 1917, as read. Before going over the figures of the profit and loss account for this financial year, I would like to say that by an oversight the following items: rubber stock, stores, sundry debtors, cash at estate and Penang, also sundry creditors, were on September 30, 1916, that is, in last year's balance sheet, converted from Straits Dollars into Taels at the average rate during that financial year of 84¾ instead of 74¾, the rate ruling on September 30, 1916, making a difference of Tls. 5,871.14, which should be deducted from the sum carried forward last year. Likewise there should be deducted the donation to the Allied War Funds, Tls. 2,500.

"By doing this we arrive at the correct position, which is as follows:—

	Tls.	
Amount carried forward from 1915-1916		29,719.82
Loss:—Difference of exchange as above	5,871.14	
Donation to Allied War Funds	2,500.00	8,371.14
Balance carried forward from 1915-1916		21,348.68

and the net profit for the closing year will then be increased from Tls. 100,235,52, as shown in the balance sheet, to Tls. 108,606.66, which is the correct figure for 1916-1917, and a very satisfactory result if you will bear in mind the enormous difference in exchange between this and the previous year as the following comparative figures will show.

Output	Rubber Sales in Straits	Rate of Exchange	Sales proceeds in Taels
1915/16 lbs.			
260,050	212,022.97	84¾	219,633.77
Stock	53,437.18	74¾	219,633.77
	$265,460.15		
1916/17 lbs.			
323,700	256,155.54	63¼	190,041.56
Stock	51,184.47	54¾	190,041.56
	$307,339.51		

Excess in lbs—63,650
Excess in (money)—$41,679.56.
Decrease in Tls., 29,592.21.

"On the other hand, with the exception of War Tax, expenditure was actually less during 1916-17 than during 1915-16.

"This, Gentlemen, is all that I have to explain as regards the accounts, but I may say that owing to the abnormally low price of rubber ruling for some weeks past and the uncertainty of the near future regarding consumption and marketing of rubber, your directors do not consider it advisable to pay a larger final dividend than 5% and they therefore recommend that the balance of Tls. 66,955.34 at credit of profit and loss account be disposed of as follows:—

	Tls.
To pay a final dividend of 5% (making 15% for the year)	31,500.00
To write off Development Account	14,291.92
To write off Building and Furniture Account	4,332.56
To write off Plant and Machinery Account	2,228.47
To write off New Share Certificate Account	715.05
Leaving to be carried forward to next year's account	13,887.34
	Tls. 66,955.34

"The amount we carry forward is actual cash and in view of the low prices now ruling as well as threatened accumulations of stock, your directors intend to adopt a still more conservative policy this year. Rubber, unlike other commodities, does not show signs of inflation; in fact, it appears the world is producing more than is being consumed under present conditions and the near outlook is none too good.

"The world's production in 1917 was estimated at 242,000 tons and on the same rate of increase 1918 should have nearly 300,000 tons, almost six times that of 1900. However, I hope 1918 will be about the high water mark as thinning out, disease and low prices are bound to have a restraining effect and consumption will have time to overtake production.

"You will see by our report that we are contributing to the possible overflow by increasing our planted area by 79 acres. However, our scheme only allows for a further 34 acres this year and by the time these are in bearing I hope the situation will be such as to warrant even further extensions.

"As far as the Alma Estate is concerned you will see by our figures we are working as cheaply if not cheaper than most other estates and I wish to congratulate the manager, his assistants, the agents and secretaries on such a good showing and feel sure that if difficult times are before us they will strive even more to reduce the working cost.

"The present price of rubber, as quoted in London, represents nothing like the equivalent paid us in pre-war days; then insurance was about ½% and freight 66s., now we have 6 to 6½% for insurance, and actually over 500s. for freight.

"There is just one thing more I have to say, and that is in reference to the new certificates, one of which I hold in my hand and will pass round—these are, as far as is possible, proof against any fraudulent alteration, and in view of recent experiences in that direction those shareholders wishing to exchange their present scrip for a new one can do so free of charge by arranging with the secretaries."

The following resolutions were then passed:

That the accounts and report for the year ended September 30, 1917, as presented be adopted and passed.

That a final dividend of 5%—equal to 45 Tael cents per share—on the capital of the company be paid to shareholders on record on December 20, 1917.

That Mr. N. G. Maitland be re-elected a director of the company.

That Messrs. G. H. and N. Thompson be re-elected auditors of the company at a remuneration of Tls. 150 for the year.

Singapore Rubber Auction

Singapore, December 5 and 6.—Following were the prices realised at our Auction this week:—

Sheet:	Singapore per picul.
Smoked Fine Ribbed	@ $101/95
Smoked Good Ribbed....	„ 95/70
Smoked Fine Plain.....	„ Nil
Smoked Good Plain.....	„ Nil
Unsmoked Fine Ribbed..	„ Nil
Unsmoked Good Ribbed..	„ Nil
Unsmoked Fine Plain...	„ Nil
Unsmoked Good Plain...	„ Nil
Crepe:	
Fine Pale Thin	„ 101/98
Good Pale Thin	„ 97/79
Good Pale Blanket	„ 85/77
Good Brown Blanket....	„ 70/67
Fine Brown	„ 82/68
Good Brown	„ 72/50
Good Dark	„ 55/40
Barky	„ 46/30
Scrap:	
Virgin and Pressed	„ 46/40
Loose	„ 32
Sheet: Cupwashing	„ 60/40

Catalogued for:
Sale Pcls. 18,811 (about 1,119 tons)
Sold Pcls. 8,121 (about 483 tons)

Our auction this week opened rather dull, but as the sale progressed a fair demand was experienced for nearly all grades. Fine Ribbed Smoked Sheet sold at prices between $101 and $95, and Fine Pale Crepe at $101 to $98. Only one lot of each of the Standard grades obtained a premium of $1, the selling price being $102.

There was a fair demand for Good Pale Crepe, whereas off qualities of Ribbed Smoked Sheet were not in evidence.

No lots of Plain Smoked Sheet or Unsmoked Sheet of both descriptions changed hands at the auction. Brown and clean Dark Crepes met with a better competition than last week, and advanced on an average about $6, but Barky Crepes sold only a few points above last week's level. A few lots of Scrap found buyers at above prices.

There was no change in the market at the continuation of the sale this morning. Towards the close, in the afternoon, the tendency, however, became slightly easier.

Meyer & Measor.

BAR SILVER

Reuter's Service

London, December 18.—Today's silver prices were:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43d. Steady.
Previous Quotation, London, Dec. 17:—
Bar Silver Spot: 43d. Nothing doing.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albegna				
Nov '5	Portland	Adelaide Smith	1769	Ger.	Carlowitz	KND
Dec 16	Japan	Asosan maru	1248	Am.	R. D. Co.	KND
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bohemia*	1221	Jap.	M. B. K.	
Aug 5	Hongkong	China†	4282	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	MBKW
Aug 8	Hongkong	Rickmers*	3868	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	S VI
Dec 17	Karatsu	Dairen maru	3651	Ger.	H. D. & C.	BIX
Dec 17	Hongkong	Lilwara	2493	Jap.	Dowell & Co.	KNDW
Dec 17	Nanking	Fortuna*	3460	Br.	P. & O.	BII
Dec 3	Chefoo	Hsinming	182	Ger.	H. D. & Co	PWE
Dec 9	Japan	Hozan maru	1428	Chi	C.M.S.N.Co.	KNDW
Dec 19	Hongkong	Harold Dollar	836	Jap	Satoh Shokai	TKDD
Sept 25	Keelung	Irmgard	2898	Br.	R. Dollar	WW
Dec 12	Japan	Justlandia	614	Am.		PWE
Dec 16	N Saddle Island	Kurama maru	3121	Dan	E. A. Co.	ODW
Dec 17	Chinwangtao	Kenkon maru	715	Jap.	N.K.K.	S VI
Dec 19	Hongkong	Koonshing	1682	Jap.	K. M. A.	9p
July 16	Hankow	Meidah*	3233	Br.	J. M. & Co	KMAW
July 30	Hankow	Meilee*	1682	Ger.	Melchers	SHW
Dec 16	Japan	Nagasaki maru	1682	Ger.	Melcher	KND
Dec 12		Patriot	3843	Jap.	Suzuki & Co	YTPD
Sept 27	Cruise	Pacific	1635	Br.	K.M.A.	MBKW
Dec 19	Vladivostock	Penza	727	Dan	G.N.T.Co	YTPDW
July 30	Tsingtao	Silkian*	2679	Rus.	R.V.F.	9p
July 30	Hongkong	Silesia†	1840	Ger.	H.A.L.	9p
Nov 22	Portland	S. V. Margaret	3818	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	KNDW
Dec 12	Cruise	Store Nordiske	1230	Am.	J. M. & Co.	OD
Dec 18	Dairen	Sorachi maru	598	Dan	G.N.T.Co.	9p
Dec 18	Iching	Tungwah	1780	Jap.	Okura & Co.	
Dec 6	Japan	Wakanoura maru	746	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Dec 17	Chinwangtao	Yei maru	1498	Jap.	N.Y.K.	CMLW
Dec 19	Japan	Yawata maru	1595	Jap.	K.M.A.	KMAW
Dec 19	Japan	Yechigo maru	3569	Jap.	N.Y.K.	NYKW
			1 65	Jap.	M.B.K.	

*Taken over by the Chinese Government on March 14.
†Taken over by the Chinese Government on August 14.

THE CHINA PRESS MAIL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1917

Date and Destination	Per	Chi.	Br.	USA	Rus.	Jap.	Reg.
Today							
Japan & America via Nagasaki	Yawata maru						
Japan ports	Penza	13 30	..	..	..	014.00	3 00
River Ports..	Train & Str.	21.0	..		..	..	3.00
Swatow	Shengking	21.00	17.00	..		..	21.00
Nagasaki and Vladivostock			..		16.30	17.00	21.00
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Penza	..	14.00	..	..	..	
E'ope via N'saki & V'vostock	Penza	..	..		..	A 3.3	13.00
T'tao, Dalny M'churia & Dalny	Kobe maru	..	..		a14.30	..	14.15
Tsingtao, Manchuria & Dalny	Kobe maru	13.30	..	..	..	H1430	14.00
Japan Ports	Yawata maru	18.0	..	..	..	..	13.00
Swatow			17.00	..	..	..	17.00
Weihaiwei		..	17.00	..	..	..	
Chefoo	Hsinchi	10.31	..	..	..	..	
Foochow	Haean	21.0	17.00	..	..	..	10.00
Hongkong and Canton ..	Kwangtah	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Japan, Canada, U. S. & Europe	Mexico maru	15.30	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Japan		..	12.30	..	..	..	15.00
Japan	Train	..	14.30	..	..	..	..
Peking and T'tsin (Every day)		..	..	..	..	..	..
T'tsin (Daily except Sunday		..	17.00	..	17.00	..	17.00
Hankow	Hsin Peking	..	17.00			..	..
Ningpo		..	15.00	..	..	..	..
Tomorrow						..	..
Swatow and Hongkong ..		..	17.00				
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, U.S. & Europe					..	..	..
Japan & America via Nagasaki	Korea maru	..	..	E 3.00	..	..	17(22)
Hongkong and Canton	Korea maru	..	..	..	..	69.30	..
Hongkong and Canton	Hoihow	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Hongkong	Yingchow	21.00	..	..	..	..	..
Japan, U. Kingdom via U.S.A			..	..	16 30	17.00	21.00
River Ports ..			17.00	..	..	..	..
Weihsiwei and Chefoo..	Train & Str.	21 0	9.00	..	..	..	17(22)
Chinwangtao	Tungchow	8.30	9.00	..	..	..	21.00
Hongkong and Canton	Patriot	21.00	..	..	..	..	8.00
Hongkong and Canton	Inaba maru	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Japan, Canada, U.S. & Europe	Canada maru	21 00	..	..	..	..	21.00
N'saki, Kobe, Yokohama, Canada, U.S.A. and Europe..	Korea maru	8.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
	V. Vancouver	..	..	P14.00	..	..	17(22)
Sunday, Dec. 23.							13.00
River Ports	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	
N'saki, Kobe, Y'hama, C'da, U. S. & E'ope via Canada			D3.00				21.00
Monday, Dec. 24.							17(22)
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Hakuai maru						
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow	21.00	..	..	..	c20.00	19 50
Europe via Siberia(Express)..	†Via Pukow						20.50
Europe via Siberia..	Via Pukow	..	21.0	..	..	..	17.00
Hongkong and Canton	Hoihow			..	..	..	17.30
Hongkong		21.00	..	..	18.00	..	
Tuesday, Dec. 25.		..	17.00	..	17.00	16.30	21.00
Hongkong						..	..
Wednesday, Dec. 26.		..	9.3	..			
Europe via Siberia						..	..
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow						
Europe via Siberia..	Via Pukow						
Europe via Siberia (P. Train)	†Via Pukow	21.00	..	..	18.00	..	17.30
		..	21.00	..	..	..	20.50
						..	17.00

† Letters forwarded by this route only when specially marked.

A Letters and boxes with declared value 1 p.m. Parcel post and money orders 0.30 p.m.
B Money letters and parcels 11 a.m.
C Letters and boxes with declared value 1.30 p.m. Parcel post and money orders 1 p.m.
D Parcel post 5 p.m. on previous day
E Postal money orders and parcel post until 5 p.m. on previous day.
F Postal money orders and parcel post until 12 noon. Supplementary mail will be closed at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 22.
G Registration 7.30 p.m. on previous day. Letters and boxes with declared value 7.30 p.m. on previous day. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m. on previous day.
H Letters and boxes with declared value 2 p.m. Parcel post and money orders 1.30 p.m.

Until further notice, mails for Europe, via Pukow and Siberia, will be closed at the Chinese Post Office as follows: Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m. Registered mails are closed half an hour earlier.

Mails for Hankow close every day at 11.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Registration at 11.30 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. and for Peking and Tientsin every day at 9 p.m. Registration at 5 p.m. at the Russian post office.

Local Outports Mail

Permanent Notice

Destination.	Mails.	
Shanghai-Nanking Train.	Close Daily.	a.m. p.m.
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Tanyang, Chinkiang, Nanking, Hankow and North China.	7.00	
Soochow, Wusih, Chinkiang, Nanking and all intermediate places	8.00	•9.00
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Chinkiang, Nanking all River Ports	11.30	
Soochow, Wusih and intermediate places	2.30	
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow and intermediate places	4.30	
Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, Chinkiang, Nanking and all River Ports North China	9.00	
Shanghai-Hangchow Train.		
Sinchwang, (and Szeking), Sungkiang, Fengking, Kashan, Kashing, Wangtien, Siashih, (and Tunghianghsien), Changan, (also Shihmen and Shihmenwan), Linping, (and Tangsi), and Hangchow (also Huchow)	6.30	8.00
Sinchwang, Sungkiang, Fengking, Kashan, Kashing, (& Tangsi), Siashih, (and Tunghianghsien), Changan, (also Shihmen and Shihmenwan), Linping and Hangchow (also Shaohing and Siaoshan)		1.30
Sungkiang, Kashing, Hangchow and intermediate places		2.30
Ningpo via Hangchow Sundays only		1.30
Woosung Train.	Close Daily.	
Woosung (also Paoshan and Kiangwan)	5.50	2.10
	7.00	5.00
	10.10	6.30
	11.45	
Steamer.	Daily.	
	Sundays expected.	
Ningpo, Chinhai, Tinghai and Wenchow		3.30
Steam Launch	Close Daily.	
	a.m.	p.m.
Tsungming, Paochen, Haimenting and Miaochen	7.00	5.00
	11.00	
Chuking and Pinghu	8.00	
Huchow, Nanzin and Linghu	11.00	
Minhang, Nankiao and Tukiahang	8.00	
	11.00	
Tatwan, Nanhwei, Fengsien and Sinchang	7.00	
	11.00	
Courier		
Chowpu	6.30	
	11.00	
Foot Boat.		
Chwansha	6.45	
	11.00	
Cycle Rider		
Siccawei and Taipac	8.00	2.00
	10.00	4.00
Kiangnan Arsenal	8.00	2.00
	11.00	4.00

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Dec 20	Hankow etc.	Kiangwah	2101	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
„ 20	do	Tungting	1264	Br.	B. & S.
„ 20	do	Tatoo maru	1756	Jap.	N.K.K.
„ 20	Amoy, H'kong & Canton	Feiching	994	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
„ 20	Japan	Shantung	2807	Br.	B. & S.
„ 20	Ningpo	Kasuga maru	2387	Jap.	N. Y. K.
		Kiangteen	2012	Chi.	C.M.S.N Co.

Men-of-War In Port

Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Man	Commander
BIV	Dec. 17	Cruise	Assma	Jap cru.	..	..	..	
MMB	Apr...		D de Lagree	Fr g-b.	..	..	..	
BIII	Dec. 17	Cruise	Iwate	Jap cur.	..	..	..	
6 P	Oct. 26	Cruise	Nightingale	Br. g-b.	85	..	..	
Tp	Dec. 17	do	Quiros	Am g-b	..	..	..	
YPD	Dec. 17	Cruise	Suimda	Jap g-b	..	..	..	
P&OB	Apr. 14		Samar	Amer-b.	243	4	33	Brown
BNB	Nov. 16	Cruise	Villalobas	Am g-b.	..	..	..	Clarke
	Nov. 16	do	Woodcock	Br. g-b.	..	..	..	

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

Capital	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	1,900,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	1,200,000

Head Office:
38 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E. C.

Court of Directors:
Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, Chairman.
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.
T. Cuthbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G.
W. H. Neville Goschen, Esq.
The Ht. Hon Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I.
W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.

Bankers:
The Bank of England.
The London City & Midland Bank Limited.
The London County and Westminster Bank, Limited.
The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.
The National Bank of Scotland, Limited.

Agencies and Branches:

Amritsar	Iloilo	Puket
Bangkok	Ipoh	Rangoon
Batavia	Karachi	Saigon
Bombay	Klang	Seremban
Calcutta	Kobe	Singapore
Canton	Kuala-Lumpur	Shanghai
Cebu	Madras	Sourabaya
Colombo	Malacca	Taiping
Delhi	Manila	(F. M. S.)
Foochow	Medan	Tavoy (Lower
Haiphong	New York	Burma)
Hankow	Peking	Tientsin
Hongkong	Penang	Yokohama

Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund.

Drafts granted on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts, according to arrangement.

Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

L. R. BREMNER.
Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Capital	Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves	Frs. 48,000,000.00

Succursales et Agences:

Bankok	Hanoi	Saigon
Battambang	Hongkong	Shanghai
Canton	Mengtze	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Dondichery	Peking	Tourane
Haiphong	Papoote	
Hankoou	Pnom-Penh	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Pari et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

This Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique
Societe Anonyme
Paid-up Capital ....Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London office: 2 Bishopsgate
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt.) and Rotterdam

President:
JEAN JADOT
Gouvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:
London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.
Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Annoyme.
Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.
New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Taels and fixed deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

M. DEMETS,
Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s.	$15,000,000
Silver	18,500,000
	$33,500,000
Reserve liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG
Court of Directors:
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Chairman.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Deputy Chairman.
Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.
F. C. Butcher, Esq.
A. H. Compton, Esq.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
E. V. D. Parr, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.
Chief Manager
Hongkong—N. J. STABB.

Branches and Agencies:

Amoy	Ipoh	Peking
Bangkok	Johore	Penang
Batavia	Kobe	Rangoon
Bombay	Kuala Lumpur	Saigon
Calcutta	London	S. Francisco
Canton	Lyons	Shanghai
Colombo	Malacca	Singapore
Foochow	Manila	Sourabaya
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Harbin	New York	Tsingtau
Iloilo		Yokohama

London Bankers:
London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.
Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Local Bills Discounted
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

	Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	26,960,000
	Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government	3,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,750,000

Head Office: PETROGRAD.
Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.
London Office: 64, Old Broad St. E.C.

Bankers:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
Paris: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Development de Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Lyons: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

Far Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay	Harbin	Peking
Chanchun	Hongkong	Shanghai
Chefoo	Newchwang	Tientsin
Dairen	Nicolayowsk	Vladivostock
Hailan	O/Amur	Yokohama
Hankow		

81 Branches and Agencies in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH
Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.
Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.
Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.
Safe Desposit Boxes.

L. JEZIERSKI,
G. CARRERE,
Managers for China, Japan and India.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital	H.$2,000,000
Subscribed and paid up Capital	H.$1,371,500
Reserve Fund	H.$ 120,000
Investment reserve fund	H.$ 20,000

Head Office:
No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office:
No. 2 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG,
Act Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital:	
Chinese Government	10,000,000.00
Chinese Mercantile Community	2,312,500.00
	$12,312,500.00
Reserve Fund	1,892,564.85

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
Branches and Agencies:
Peking, Tientsin, Newchang, Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Dairen, Tsinan, Tsingtau, Kaifung, Hankow, Ichang, Shansi, Wuhu, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Ningpo, Foochow, Canton, Nanchang, Taiyuen, etc., etc.

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
3 HANKOW ROAD.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum, on Dollar Current Accounts at 1 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:
For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN-CHANG,
Manager.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital ..... Francs 45,000,000
One-third of the Capital, i. e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC
Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President Andre Berthelot.
General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

HEAD OFFICE
74, RUE ST. LAZARE, PARIS.
Branches in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, Saigon and Hongkong

BANKERS:
In France: Societe Generale pour le Development du Commerce et du l'Industrie en France.
In London: London, County and Westminister Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts in Gold or Local currency and Fixed Deposits on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Savings accounts in Gold and Local currency.

G. LION,
Manager.
1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(Established 1880.)

Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed	..Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up	„ 36,000,000
Reserve Fund	„ 22,100,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies

Antunghsin	London	Port Arthur
Bombay	Liaoyang	S. Francisco
Calcutta	Los Angeles	Seattle
Changchun	Lyons	Singapore
Dalny	Mukden	Sydney
Hankow	Nagasaki	Sinanfu
Harbin	Newchwang	Tiehling
Hongkong	New York	Tientsin
Honolulu	Osaka	Tokio
Kobe	Peking	Tsingtau

SHANGHAI BRANCH
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars, according to arrangement.
Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea, Formosa and China, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

The Shanghai Commerical and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-Up Capital	$ 300,000.00
Reserve	$ 10,000.00
Deposits (June, 30, 1917)	$1,590,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.
Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.
Current accounts in both taels and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.
Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both taels and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Capital & Surplus	U.S. $6,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	U.S. $1,348,000.00
	U.S. $7,848,000.00

Head Office:
55 Wall Street, New York
National City Bank Building.

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Bankers:

Bombay	Hongkong	Peking
Calcutta	Kobe	San Francico
Canton	London	Santo Domingo
Cebu	Manila	San Pedro de,
Colon	Medellin	Macoris
(Cristobal C.Z.)		Shanghai
Hankow	Panama	Singapore
		Tientsin
		Yokohama

Through its close affiliation with the NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special services of the Branches of that Institution established at:—

Bahia	Rio de Janeiro
Buenos Aires	Santiago de Cuba
Genoa	Santos
Havana	San Paulo
Montevideo	Valparaiso
Petrograd	

The Corporation issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSIT on terms which may be ascertained on application, and transacts all other descriptions of Banking and Exchange business.

H. C. GULLAND,
Manager.
1a Kiukiang Road, Shanghai.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.

Paid-up-Capital—
Guilders 60,000,000 (about £5,000,000)
Reserve Fund—
Guilders 11,595,461, (about £966,288)
Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA

Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.

Branches

Bandjermasin	Padang	Soerakarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tebing-Tinggi
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tegal
Djember	Penang	Telok-Betong
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Tjilatjap
Hongkong	Rangoon	Weltevreden
Kota-Radja	Semarang	
Langsa	Singapore	
Makassar	Soerabaya	
Medan		

London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.
The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents and transacts banking business of every description.
Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.
SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.
Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000
Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.
Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.
Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital Sh. Tls.	5,000,000
Paid-up Capital ..Sh. Tls.	2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed Capital	1,125,000
Paid-up Capital	562,500
Reserve Fund	600,000

HEAD OFFICE, 15 Gracechurch Street LONDON, E. C.

London Bankers:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.
Branches & Agencies.

Bombay	Howrah	Madras
Calcutta	Handy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Pangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore	

Shanghai Branch,
EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tae Current Accounts at 2% per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

R. D. YOUNG,
Manager.
7 Nanking Road.
9752

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorised by Presidential Mandates of April 7th, 1914, and October 31st, 1915.

PAID-UP
Capital: Kuping Taels 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
35 Szechuen Road.
Interest allowed on both Current and Fixed Deposit Accounts; Credit granted on approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. TAO,
Manager.
Y. M. CHIEN,
Sub-Manager.

SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
No. 1 Kiukiang Road

Capital	Yen	30,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen	18,750,000
Reserve	Yen	2,800,000
Deposits	Yen	150,000,000

President, Baron K. Sumitomo

Head Office: OSAKA.

Branches:
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Hyogo, Onomichi Kure, Niihama, Hiroshima, Yanai Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu Kukuoka, Kurume, Honolulu, San Francisco, Bombay and Hankow

London Banker:
LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED
New York Banker:
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF N. Y

Banking Business in General Foreign Exchange Business, Travellers' and Commercial Letters of Credit, Correspondents throughout the World.

S. KASHARA.
Manager.
Tel. No. 2359 (Sumitomo Bank).
Tel. No. 2360 (Sumitomo Bank).
Tel. No. 4663 (Compradore Office).

中 孚 銀 行 Chung Foo Union Bank

Statutes approved by the Government in 1916
Head office: Tientsin

Capital		$2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital		$1,000,000.00

Managing Director: SUN TAO SAN

Branches and Agencies:

Tientsin	Chinkiang
Shanghai	Soochow
Peking	Wusieh
Hankow	Hangchow
Nanking	Ningpo
Yangchow	Shaohsing
Hsuchow	Canton
Pengpu	Hongkong
Tsingkianpu	

Shanghai Branch
441, Ningpo Road
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. R. SUN,
Manager.
T. D. ZAH,
Sub-manager.

Shipping Items

The N.S. s.s. Ningshao left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The C.M. s.s. Kiangkwan left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The C.N. s.s. Poyang left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The N.K.K. s.s. Suiyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The I.-C. s.s. Luenho left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.
The C.M. s.s. Kiangyu left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.
The N.K.K. s.s. Talee Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.
The C.N. s.s. Suiyang left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The I.-C. s.s. Suiwo left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The H.O. s.s. Tehhsing left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The C.N. s.s. Luenyi left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Fengyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The C.M. s.s. Haean left Foochow for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The C.M. s.s. Kiangyung will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The C.M. s.s. Kiangkwan will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The C.N. s.s. Ngankin will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang left Hongkong for Shanghai yesterday.
The I.-C s.s. Wingsang left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.
The C.M. s.s. Kianghsin will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.
The N.K.K. s.s. Yohyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

Sailed from Shanghai

For London, etc.	
Kaga Maru	Nov. 21
Kamakura Maru	Dec. 15
Shidzuoka Maru	Oct. 20
For Liverpool	
Benrinnes	Oct. 21
Hirano Maru	Nov. 11
Kitano Maru	Oct. 14
For New York	
Capto	Oct. 13
Chinese Prince	Oct. 6
Matoppo	Dec. 3
For San Francisco	
China	Nov. 19
Shinyo Maru	Nov. 26
For Tacoma	
Manila Maru	Nov. 13
For Seattle	
Grayson	Nov. 10
Inaba Maru	Oct. 17

AMUSEMENTS

APOLLO THEATRE

December 21st, 22nd, 23rd,

BABY MARIE OSBORNE

IN

"When Baby Forgot"

A Five-Reel Pathe Gold Rooster Film with "Baby" in the leading part. She is the cutest Kiddie in Kinema Land.

BABY MARIE OSBORNE (PATHE).

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

IN

"EASY STREET"

A Street paved with smiles laughs and yells galore.

"Charlie at his best"

PATHE'S GAZETTES

MATINEES: Saturday 4 p.m.
"THE TRAMP"
"MAX BETWEEN TWO FIRES"

Sunday 3 p.m.
7th & 8th Episodes
"THE FATAL RING"

Olympic Theatre

SHOWING

Beginning Tonight, 21st

and

On Saturday, 22nd

"THE MOMENT BEFORE"

WITH

PAULINE FREDERICK

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

VICTORIA THEATRE

On Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th

MARGUERITE CLARK

IN

"MOLLY MAKE-BELIEVE"

A FIVE PART

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

ISIS THEATRE

Corner of Jukong and North Szechuen Roads (about 150 yards from Range Road)

Tonight Tonight

Showing

4 interesting parts, episodes 9 and 10 of the Fascinating Serial

"THE GODDESS"

featuring

ANITA STEWART AND EARLE WILLIAMES

Don't Miss Tonight

Serie 11 in Two Parts of the Stupendous Feature

"THE GIRL AND THE GAME"

and the Screaming Comedy

PIGS IS PIGS

Special Program for Christmas

The Great Feature Comedy in 5 Acts

"WHAT HAPPENED TO JONE?"

TOWA CINEMA THEATRE

No. 3 Woochang Road (Near Chapoo Road)

PROGRAMME

For December 21st, 22nd and 23rd

"THE WELL-SICK MAN"
Comedy

"THE INVADER"
Drama in Three Parts.

"PRINCE CHARLEY"
Comedy

Change of Programme Every Monday and Friday

Matinee on Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Admission Prices: 30 cts., 20 cts. and 10 cts.

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Dec 21	3.00	Tacoma and Seattle	Mexico maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
22	10.00*	San Francisco	Korea maru	Jap.	Alexander
29	..	Victoria B.C. and Seattle	Hawaii maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
Jan 5	..	San Francisco	Colombia	Am.	P. M. S. S. Co.
8	..	San Francisco	Siberia maru	Jap.	Alexander

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Dec 21	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.
23	3.00	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Yawata maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
22	10.00*	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Korea maru	Jap.	Alexander
25	8.00*	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Hakuai maru	Jap	N.Y.K.
27	9.30*	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap	N.Y.K.
29	1.30*	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Omi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Jan 1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N.Y.K
5	..	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Chikuzo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Dec 29	9.00*	Liverpool etc.	Tamba maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Dec 21	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	Br.	B.& S.
21	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshae	Chi	N.S.S.Co
21	D.L.	Swatow, Hongkong & Canton	Kiangsing	Br	J. M. & Co.
22	4.00	Ningpo	Kiangteen	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
22	D.L.	Swatow	Shengking	Br	B.& S.
22	A.M.	Foochow	Haean	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
22	A.M.	Hongkong	Kwangtah	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
23	..	Hongkong	Canada maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
23	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Yingchow	Br.	B.& S.
23		Hongkong	Inaba maru	Jap	N.Y.K
25	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Suiyang	Br.	B. & S.
25	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Holhow	Br.	B. & S.
25	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Shuntien	Br.	B. & S.
27	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br	B.& S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Dec 21	noon	Tsingtao	Sanyomaru	Jap.	S.M.R.
21	8.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.
21	3.30	Tsingtao and Dairy	Kobe maru	Jap	S.M.R.
21	noon	Chefoo	Hsinchi	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
22	noon	Tsingtao	Tencho maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
22	2.00	Weihaiwei & Chefoo	Tungchow	Br.	B.& S.
23		Chinwangtao	Patriot	Rus.	K.M.A.
25	8.3	*Dairy	Sasaki maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
26	..	Dairy & Tsingtao	Kohoku maru	Jap.	O.S.K.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Dec 21	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Chungking	Br.	B.& S.
21	M.N.	do	Loongwo	Br.	J.M. & Co
21	M.N.	do	Nanyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
22	M.N.	do	Poyang	Br	B.& S.
24	M.N.	do	Suiyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
22	M.N.	do	Ningchao	Chi.	N.S.Co.
23	M.N.	do	Kiangkwan	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
24	M.N.	do	Luenho	Br.	J.M. & Co
24	M.N.	do	Kiangyu	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co
24	M.N.	do	Talee maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
25	M.N.	do	Luenyi	Br	B.& S.
25	M.N.	do	Fengyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
26	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
26	M.N.	do	Ngankin	Br.	B.& S.
28	M.N.	do	Tatung	Br	B.& S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Dec 20	Ningpo	Kiangteen	2012	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
20	Chefoo	Hsinchi	1385	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
20	Hongkong	Mexico maru	3579	Jap.	O.S.K.	
20	Swatow	Holhow	806	Br.	B.& S.	WTW
20	Foochow	Haean	1839	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
20	Dairy	Kobe maru	2643	Jap.	S.M.R.	WW
20	Hankow	Melan	417	m.	S. Oil Co.	SOCW
20	Hankow	Chungking	1311	Br.	B.& S.	CNW
20	Hankow	Nanyang maru	1968	Jap.	N.K.K.	NYKW
20	Hongkong	Kwangtah	1536	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
20	Hankow	Loongwo	2863	Br.	J.M.& Co.	SHW
20	Chefoo	Tungchow	1263	Br.	B.& S.	CNW

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co's Str. Nanyang M. Capt. K. Takeshita will be despatched from N.Y.K. Mail wharf on Friday, December 21, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5, The Bund Tel. No. 3256.

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HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co's Str. Suiyang M., Capt. A. E. Inwood, will be despatched from the C. M. Central wharf on Saturday, Dec. 22, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5, The Bund Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Str. Kiangkwan, Capt. C. B. Conley, will leave on Sunday, night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co's Str. Talee M. Capt M. Takeo, will be despatched from pootung N.K.K. wharf on Monday, December 24, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5, The Bund Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Luenyi, Captain Frazier, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, December 25, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Ngankin, Captain Newcomb, will leave on Wednesday, December 26, about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Tatung, Captain Williams, will leave from the French Bund on Friday, December 28, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Wuchang, Capt. Pickard, will leave on Saturday, December 29, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, Tel. No. 77.

For Southern Ports

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Hsin Peking, Capt. A. Scott, R.N.R. will leave from the French Bund on Friday, December 21, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG.—The Str. Canada Maru, Captain T. Suruga, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on December 21, at ——— The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the customs jetty at ——— on the same day. For Freight or Passage, apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

SWATOW.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Shengking, Captain McIntosh, will leave from the French Bund on Saturday, December 22, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund, Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG.—The Str. Kwangtah, Capt. C. Stewart, will leave on Saturday, morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

FOOCHOW.—The Str. Haean, Capt. F. H. Wallace, will leave on Saturday, morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

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HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Shuntien, Captain Northcombe, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

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HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Str. Holhow, Captain A. V. Harrison, will leave on Tuesday, December 25, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Tel. No. 77.

AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Str. Sinkiang Captain Benson, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Thursday, Dec. 27, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

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For Northern Ports

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2088	838	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2220	1950	1080
2345	1112	685	. .	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1985	1700	720
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1920	1655	710
000	1125	650	. .	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2340	524	arr. Mukden dep.	200	. .	1845

Local 8.	Mail 3. B. a.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4. B. a.	Local 6.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1615
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	—	1655	1605
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1631	1547
1133	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1328	1231
1457	1746	—	148	dep. Techow dep.	—	1048	948
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	650
7.	:	—	220	:	—	:	6.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1213
1039	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1548
1300	038	—	318	arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—	377	dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1258
1556	316	—		dep. Lincheng dep.	—	100	1003
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2336	810
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1136	832	—	553	dep. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1442
1206	840	—		dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1432
1657	1152	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	922
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	738

Express 16. B. S.	Express 10. B.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1. B.	Express 15. B. S.
. .	1420	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	. .	1410	. .
2300	1420	. .	. .	dep. Nanking arr.	. .	1415	630
700	2120	. .	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	. .	755	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line				Lincheng-Tsochuang Branch Line			
930	1350	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	
1032	1455	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	528	1125	1858	
				558	1210	1800	d. Lincheng a.
				655	1219	1908	a. Tsochuang d.
				810	1410	2100	
				702	1302	1948	

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But Shortage Of Efficient Workmen Hampers Government Program

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—In a vigorous call yesterday for capital and labor to turn in as never before for the building of ships, Rear-Admiral Francis T. Bowles, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, drew aside the veil of secrecy that has masked the operations of the nation's shipping board and gave the first definite information of the tremendous strides the country is making toward the creation of a super-merchant marine. At the same time he outlined the grave problems that must be overcome if America's participation in the war is to be of any moment.

Admiral Bowles spoke before 800 members of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford. With much vigor he shot out figures of the things the country is doing, and told how it is failing in what he termed the biggest part America must play in the war—the building of ships.

In a few words, the situation sketched by Admiral Bowles is that the existing tonnage of the United States, with the ships spared by the Allies, is far from adequate for maintaining the line of supplies on the western front.

More than 100 yards are engaged night and day in turning out vessels of all kinds, but the shipyards are only half manned. The labor end of the industry is in something of a chaotic state. Capital must forget profits; labor must prevent disturbances or the tremendous shipbuilding plans made by the Emergency Fleet Corporation will fail. Profits will be assured, to capital and labor, but patriotism must come first.

Building Program Outlined

Admiral Bowles said:

"The part the United States is to play in this war depends upon the creation of ships. The number of ships all under way or contracted for in the yards of this country is as follows:

Wooden and concrete vessels of from 3,500 to 4,000 tons, to the number of 400, of a total of 1,500,000 deadweight tons.

Steel ships, 400, of a deadweight tonnage of 3,000,000.

Vessels under contract in private yards and taken over by the Government, 400, of 3,000,000 total deadweight tons.

"This is a total of 1,200 ships of 7,500,000 deadweight tons under contract for the account of the United States."

The speaker paused to devote a word to the much-criticised wooden vessels, which some few months ago were the storm center of scientific discussion and caused the downfall of several shipbuilding experts. He said the building of wooden ships was a lost art, and that in his opinion they would continue to give trouble. Resuming, he said:

"The shipbuilders' task in 1918 will be to build from ten to twelve times as many vessels as we have ever been able to produce before. To accomplish this task the Emergency Fleet Corporation is dealing with 116 shipyards. To produce the tonnage necessary in 1918 will require from 200,000 to 250,000 workers. We have 100,000 today. On November 3 ninety-four of the 116 shipyards had a total of 94,000 men. They need 80,000 more.

"The big problem that faces the shipbuilders is the establishment of employment agencies which can increase our force of ship workers to 200,000 before 1918. The great trouble now is the loss of men. We are losing men at the rate of 225,000 a year by discharge and for other unaccountable reasons. Men are being hired and 'fired' by foremen of plants as unfit, and this is going on too freely. If we are losing men at the rate of 225,000 a year it will be necessary to employ more than three times the number needed to allow for the discharge of incapable laborers.

"Another drawback is that men are being stolen by one shipbuilder from another. No one knows where they go. They drift in and out without the men's stopping long enough to be trained.

Industrial Plattsburg

"To undertake the training of men for our shipbuilding industry the Emergency Fleet Corporation has established an industrial Plattsburg. By this plan we will create 50,000 skilled workers for shipyards in the next six months. Recently there was a conference of employment men in Washington, and out of this conference has sprung the mechanism for handling the situation.

"Speculative profits of shipbuilders have disappeared. They must make industry. It is the intention of the Fleet Corporation that they shall. But they must be patriots.

"Patriotism must rule both capital and labor. They must co-operate, and must submit to control. No control can be established over labor today that is not equally established over capital.

"The question does not rest with the shipbuilders. It is the duty of chambers of commerce, universities, economists and professional men to volunteer their services to help the shipbuilders to work out their problems. This is absolutely essential if we are to succeed in the war."

Unclaimed Cablegrams

Commercial Pacific Cable Co.

Dec. 6, James Choye, Shanghai; from San Francisco.

Dec. 14, Henderson, Shanghai; from San Francisco.

Dec. 15, Spathides, Shanghai; from New Haven, Conn.

Military Crowd in Full Control of Germany Now

London, December 11.—The Cologne Gazette makes it clear that the German military authorities are in full control of the situation in Germany and will impose their will concerning annexations at the expense of Russia. The paper says:

"Hindenburg's strategy enables us to make full political use of the present military situation. Consequently, Hindenburg's cooperation in peace is for the Germans a matter of course."—*Asahi.*

Russian Railway Head Killed in Harbin, Report

Another Telegram Says Chinese Eastern Line Director Has Fled To Chinese For Refuge

Lieutenant-General Horvath, the Russian Director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, is reported in Chinese telegrams to have been shot and killed by the Bolsheviki at Harbin. Another Harbin telegram states that he has taken refuge at the yamen of the Taoyin of Pingkiang and has asked the Peking government to take possession of the railway he controls immediately, in accordance with former treaty stipulations.

The people of Harbin are restless. Japanese troops and warships are being rushed to the scene from both Vladivostok and Tsingtao. Twenty battalions of Chinese soldiers are now stationed at or in the vicinity of the city. Many banks have closed their doors.

Diercks Is Acquitted Of Embezzling Charge

Broker Is Dismissed On All Counts By The Mixed Court

Mr. V. H. Diercks, the broker charged with embezzlement of 40,000 roubles, Tls. 1,500, Tls. 525 and $400 by Mr. L. Cooper in the Mixed Court, was acquitted yesterday by American Assessor Perkins and Magistrate Wong on all the counts. Mr. M. L. Heen represented the defense and Mr. Fleming was counsel for complainant.

After the summing up by counsel the court retired a few moments and returned its verdict of acquittal, commenting that the evidence brought by the prosecution was not satisfactory. Diercks testified previously that he was born in Tientsin of a Chinese mother and a Danish father, whose native city has been conquered by Germany.

Today's Dance Program

The following program of dance music will be played by the Band at the Town Hall this afternoon, beginning at 5.30:

1. Waltz, "Moonglide" ....Benyon
2. One Step, "I'll do it all over again" ..... Gumble
3. Waltz, "The Sunshine Girl" Rubens
4. One Step, "By the Beautiful Sea" ..... Carroll
5. Waltz, "Bebe" ..... Vessey
6. One Step, "Powder Rag" Birch

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THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

Peking, 28th November, 1917.

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ABRIDGED TIME TABLE, IN FORCE FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1917

Up—Shanghai North To Nanking (Main Line) Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.	Local	Express R	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Local	Fast Local	Night Express R.S.
SHANGHAI NORTH....dep.	..	7.55	9.10	9.40	12.45	15.25	17.15	23.00
SOOCHOW ....dep.	..	9.41	11.22	12.20	14.55	18.15	19 20	1.08
WUSIH .....dep.	..	10.31	12.24	13.41	15.54	19.27	20.20	2.10
CHANGCHOW dep.	6.50	11.22	13.16	15 03	16.48	..	21.25	3.10
TANYANG....dep.	8.05	12.09	14.11	16.16	17.41	..	..	..
CHINKIANG..dep.	9.16	12.52	14.55	17 17	18 22	..	..	5.06
NANKING.....arr.	11.19	14.15	16.30	19.13	19.50	..	..	*6.50
PUKOW .....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	T.P.K. Second Day	9.00
TSINANFU ...dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..		2.20
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..		16.28
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	M.R.	16.53
PEKING .....arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..		19.50

STATIONS.	Local	Fast Local	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Express R.	Local	Night Express R.S.
PEKING .....dep	..	..	..	..	..	..	P.M.R.	8.35
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..		11.15
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep	..	..	..	..	..	..	T.P.R. Second Day	12.30
TSINANFU....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..		2.15
PUKOW .....arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..		7.55
NANKING ....dep.	..	..	7.20	8.05	11.45	14.20	15.35	*23.00
CHINKIANG..dep.	..	..	9.00	10.11	13 30	16.06	18.16	1.00
TANYANG....dep.	..	..	9.36	10.59	14.12	16.41	19.08	..
CHANGCHOW dep.	7.00	..	10.31	12.19	15 08	17.39	20.20	3.08
WUSIH .....dep.	8.15	7.10	11.28	13.14	16.00	18.29	..	4.11
SOOCHOW ....dep.	9.35	8.09	12.23	14.54	17.01	19.21	..	5.19
SHANGHAI NORTH ....arr.	12.15	10.15	14 20	17.50	19.00	21.00	..	7.01

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WOOSUNG FORTS ..dep.	6.50	8.10	11.10	13.15	16.00	18.10	19.50	21.20	SHANGHAI NORTH dep.	6.10	7.30	10.30	12.25	14.59	17.20	19.10	20.40
KIANGWAN dep.	7.17	8.37	11.37	13.42	16.27	18.37	20.17	21.47	KIANGWAN dep	6.21	7.41	10.41	12.36	15.01	17.41	19.21	20.53
SHANGHAI NORTH .. arr.	7.25	8.45	11.45	13.50	16.35	18.45	20.25	21.55	WOOSUNG FORTS..arr.	6.15	8.05	11.05	13.00	15.25	18.05	19.45	21.18

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAHKOU—"DOWN" MAIN LINE. ZAHKOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	Local	Fast R	Slow	Coolie & Goods	Local	Express R	Local	Local
Shanghai North ..... dep.	....	7.35	9.00	10.00	....	14.50	15.50	....
Jessfield ..... dep.	....	7.51	9.16	10.28	....	15.06	16.06	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	7.58	9.23	0.38	....	15.13	16.13	....
Lunghwa Junction .. .. dep.	....	8.15	9 40	10.53	....	15.30	16.29	....
Shanghai South ..... dep.	....	*7.45*	*9.10*	*10.20*	*13.35*	*15.00*	*16.00*	*17.55*
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	*8.15*	*9.40*	*10.53*	*13.52*	*15.30*	*16.29*	*18.12*
Sungkiang ..... dep.	....	8.59	10.48	12.02	....	16 07	17 42	....
Kashai ..... dep.	....	9.51	11.52	13 28	....	16.53	18 49	....
Kashing ..... dep.	7.40	10.25	12 30	14.35	....	17.22	19.20	....
Yeh-zah ..... dep.	8.45	11.05	13.15	15.50	....	17.53	....	....
Changan ..... dep.	9.45	11.4	14 00	16.50	....	18 24	....	....
Hangchow ..... dep.	11.10	12 50	15.25	18.30	....	19.19	....	....
Zahkou ..... arr.	11.35	13.10	15.50	19.00	....	19.35	....	....

STATIONS	Local	Local	Fast R	Slow	Local	Coolie and Goods	Express R	Local
Zahkou ..... dep.	....	....	6.30	7.55	....	9.20	14.10	15.30
Hangchow ..... dep.	....	....	7 00	8.30	....	10.00	14.35	16.05
Changan ..... dep.	....	....	8.04	9.48	....	11.40	15.20	17.36
Yehzah ..... dep.	....	....	8.41	10.31	....	12 39	15.51	18.40
Kashing ..... dep.	....	7.15	9.28	11.22	....	14.10	16.30	19.30
Kashai ..... dep.	....	7.48	9.53	11.55	....	14.48	16.52	....
Sungkiang ..... dep.	....	9.05	10.47	12.59	....	16.08	17.40	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.		*8.18*	*10.33*	*11.38*	*14.08*	*15.33*	*17.23*	*18.23*
Shanghai South ..... arr.		*8.35*	*10.50*	*11.55*	*14.25*	*15.50*	*17.40*	*18.40*
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	10 30	11.35	14.05	....	17.18	18.20	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	10.39	11.44	14.14	....	17.28	18.29	....
Jessfield ..... dep	....	10.46	11.51	14.21	....	17.37	18.36	....
Shanghai North ..... arr	....	11 00	12.05	14.35	....	17.55	18.50	....

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Konzenchiao....	dep.	6.50	8.25	11.25	14.00	15.55	18.35	Zahkou.....	dep.	....	10.10	12.25	...	17.20	....
Kenshangmun ..	dep.	7.10	8.50	11.40	14.15	16.15	18.50	Hangchow.....	dep.	7.30	10.40	12 45	14.55	17.50	19.15
Hangchow.....	dep.	7.20	9.15	11.52	14.24	16.30	19.00	Kenshangmun ..	dep.	7.42	10.57	12.57	15.12	18.07	19.27
Zahkou.....	arr.	....	9.40	12.10	....	16.55	....	Konzenchiao....	arr.	7.55	11.10	13.10	15.25	18.20	19.40

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Business and Official Notices

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2487.

ELECTRICITY.

Owing to the increased cost of coal it has been found necessary to raise the price of electricity for light, heat and power. The revised scale of charges, except for Bulk Supply, is published in the Municipal Gazette of December 20.

The revised prices will come into force for the quarter ending March 31, 1918, and will continue until further notice.

By order,
N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 20, 1917.
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Notification No. 320.

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The Parcel Office will be closed on these two days.

W. W. RITCHIE,
Postal Commissioner.

Chinese Post Office,
Shanghai, 19th December, 1917.
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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2486

SMALLPOX

IN view of the prevalence of Smallpox immediate vaccination is advised.

Medical practitioners will be supplied free of charge with the necessary vaccine up to January 15 on application to the Health Office Laboratory.

Free vaccination for Foreigners will be carried out at the following Branch Health Offices:—

42 Woosung Road at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

23 Hankow Road (near the Bell Tower) at 3.15 p.m. on Thursdays.

J.1581 East Seward Road at 3.30 p.m. on Mondays.

Free vaccination for Chinese is available at all the Branch Health Offices: particulars as to times and places are posted on electric light poles.

By order,
N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room.
Shanghai, December 20, 1917.
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Shanghai Foreign Exchange Bankers Association

The Exchange Banks which are members of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25th and 26th December, on account of the Christmas Holidays.
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IN THE UNITED STATES CONSULAR COURT, CHEFOO, CHINA.

In re Estate of H. L. Baxter — *Estate No. 1* — NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of H. L. Baxter, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers, to the undersigned, at Tsinan, Shantung Province, China, on or before July 1, 1918, and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payment of the same in due course to the undersigned.

T. J. ENGSTROM,
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Tsinan, Shantung Province, China,
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MILLARD'S REVIEW

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